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THE COVER

THOMAS MORGAN PADGETT, 13 months, is the son of Tom Padgett, Paint Shop. He greeted the year 1955 in the same style as did many of us.

The "Blender" staff, in seeking to come up with a suitable New Year's message for fellow employees, could find nothing more appropriate than this poem by James J. Metcalfe. We trust that each one of you will abide by it and thus make 1955 a very happy year.

—The Editor

GOOD EXAMPLE

There are so many ways in life . . . Of doing good on earth . . . To help some individual . . . Appreciate its worth . . . And out of all the ways there are . . . The best is not to teach . . . To threaten, argue or command . . . And surely not to preach . . . But just to live unselfishly . . . And to be good and true . . . And treat another as you wish . . . That he would favor you . . . To set a good example by . . . Your conduct every day . . . Your actual accomplishments . . . And all the things you say . . . Because a good example is . . . The best that we can give . . . To bring about a better world . . . In which to work and live.

TWO DIFFERENT PICTURES

THE other day the BLENDER staff was observing two pictures of an employee. One had been taken around 5:00 p. m. when weary from a long day's activity, and looked like one that needed a prison number across the front. The other had been taken early in the day after a trip to the "primping room" and was, indeed, a compliment to the subject.

It seems that sometimes in our view of others we are like one of the two pictures. Too often we are like the first—we catch a subject at his worst and under the bright lights of hasty judgment, prejudice, hatred or self-interest. The result is what the subject seems at the present moment and is not what he is in the depths of his soul.

The proper way to view a person is to see him at his best in the proper surroundings. Strive to get a good picture. Do not click the shutter when you find him making some mistake or hastily saying something that he should not. Click the shutter when you see him faithfully performing his duties on his job. See him in the loving relations of home life. See him as he goes to Church to worship God. See him as he seeks to do good. Then you will have a true photograph.

DON'T FORGET THE "MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN"

IT will be a great day for everyone when the world can be told that the trial vaccine of Dr. Salk actually protects against polio. It is hoped that this great day will arrive in 1955.

On the other hand, we must face the possibility that an inconclusive report may be issued by Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr. of the University of Michigan, who is responsible for determining whether or not the vaccine is effective.

Either way, our problems and our responsibilities multiply. Even if the vaccine is declared highly effective, the National Foundation cannot see the end of polio in 1955 or 1956—or, for that matter, in 1957. Certainly all of the more than 50,000,000 young Americans under 18 years of age (the most polio-susceptible group) cannot possibly be vaccinated in time to prevent thousands of new attacks in the years immediately ahead.

What we are getting at is that the news from Michigan will have little immediate effect on the huge job of mending lives, refining preventive techniques and training professionals. That is why your continued generous support will be needed again this year during the month of January. Our plant campaign dates will be announced later. May we count on your help this year as we have in the past?

Rising educational opportunity is clearly seen in a comparison of the Belcher and Powell families on the right. Grandmother Belcher who has several children employed at the Martinsville Plant is over 45; 60 percent of Americans in her age group were able to obtain only an eighth grade education or less, and only one in nine went to college. Her daughter, Sallie Powell, "C" Shift, Textile, Type-9, is 31; schooling attained by the average American in her age group was 10.2 years. Granddaughter, Barbara Mason, in the sixth grade of the new North Martinsville School, is in an age group whose average member will attain a high school diploma or better; at least one in five will go to college.

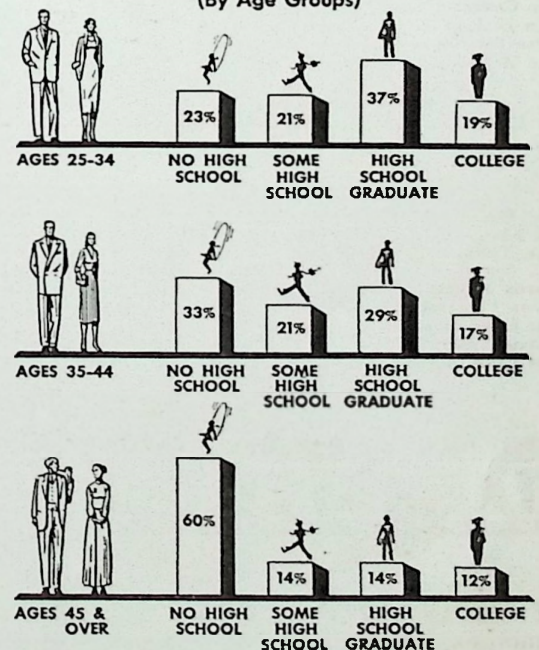
Besides attending classes longer than his predecessors, today's youngster enjoys vastly improved schools. The average expenditure per pupil per year in U. S. elementary and secondary schools rose from \$86.70 in 1930 to an average of \$228 in 1953. Huge post-war school construction programs have provided modern facilities in ever-increasing numbers and more will be provided in 1955.



(LEFT): Mrs. Belcher and Sallie watch as children of the new North Martinsville School play in the school's gymnasium under the supervision of their teacher. Such organized recreation was unheard of in Mrs. Belcher's school days and in only a limited number of schools when Sallie attended. (Middle Picture): Barbara pointing out some of her grade's art work to her grandmother and mother. Modern teaching methods are now far different from the "3 R's" of Mrs. Belcher's school days. (Lower Picture): Mrs. Howard Wilcox shows Mrs. Belcher a modern desk—a far cry from the benches of 30-40 years ago. Children at table are Gloria Martin, Janet Bower, Lucy Gayle Cousins, Patsy Barger and Anita Campbell.



AVERAGE SCHOOL LEVEL REACHED BY
U. S. POPULATION
(By Age Groups)





FIELDALE, VIRGINIA

THE HOME TOWN OF 80 DU PONT EMPLOYEES

AN ideal industrial community, nestling in the Virginia foothills and approximately 3½ miles northwest of Martinsville, is the friendly and peaceful town of Fieldale.

Founded in 1916 when H. A. Ford—"master town builder"—of Martinsville obtained an option on 2,000 acres of land from twenty-nine different citizens for the Marshall-Field Company, the town now has a population of around 2,000, the great majority of whom work in the two Fieldcrest Mills (no longer Marshall-Field property).

The town has a unique distinction

among industrial communities of Virginia, in that all the homes are owned by the workers. Another outstanding civic enterprise was accomplished in 1945 when 100% of the citizens gave \$300 cash along with a large donation from the Marshall-Field Company to construct a modern waterworks and sewage disposal plant without the burdens of a bond issue or taxation.

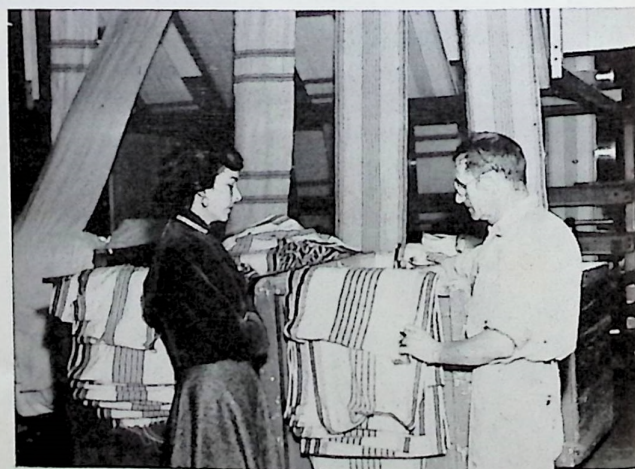
THE BLENDER salutes the enterprising citizens of Fieldale, Virginia—the home of approximately 80 employees who come to work by both buses and cars.



(ABOVE): Barbara Hazelwood, "D" Shift, Textile, Type 9, poses on east side of town square in Fieldale. On this street are the highly efficient volunteer fire department, a cafe, drug store, grocery store, furniture store and appliance store. (Left): View of the west side of the town square. Here are located the bank, post-office, restaurant, grocery and other stores.



FRANCES JOHNSON, "D" Shift, Textile, posed in front of town's beautiful Y. M. C. A. which was erected in 1938. It is the center of community's social and recreational life.



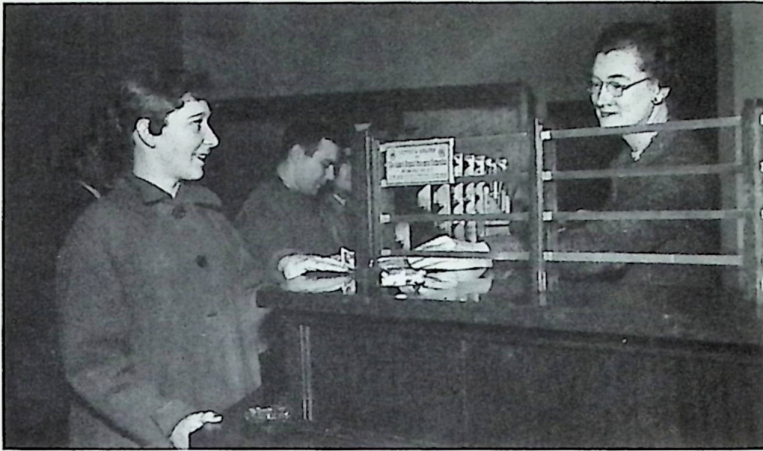
FIELDCREST towel mill, employing around 1,000, manufactures towels, wash cloths. C. M. Doss shows Frances samples.



(LEFT): the beautiful Fieldale Baptist Church which is now being remodeled. Additional rooms have also been added. The nearby Methodist Church will soon erect a new structure in the down-town section.



(RIGHT): Pearl Reynolds, "D" Shift, Textile, with little Elaine, 17 months, visits and makes a purchase from Bob Joyce of Joyce's Drug Store—the only such store in the community.



BARBARA makes deposit at the Bank of Fieldale which was organized in 1921. From an institution with a capital of \$15,000, it has now grown into a three million dollar bank and is the pride of citizens in the town.



BEVERLY and Nadine Padgett, "D" Shift, Textile, visit Fieldcrest Hosiery Mill and observe boarding operations by Lois Simpson and Frances Plogger. Mill employs 180; makes the famous La France hosiery.

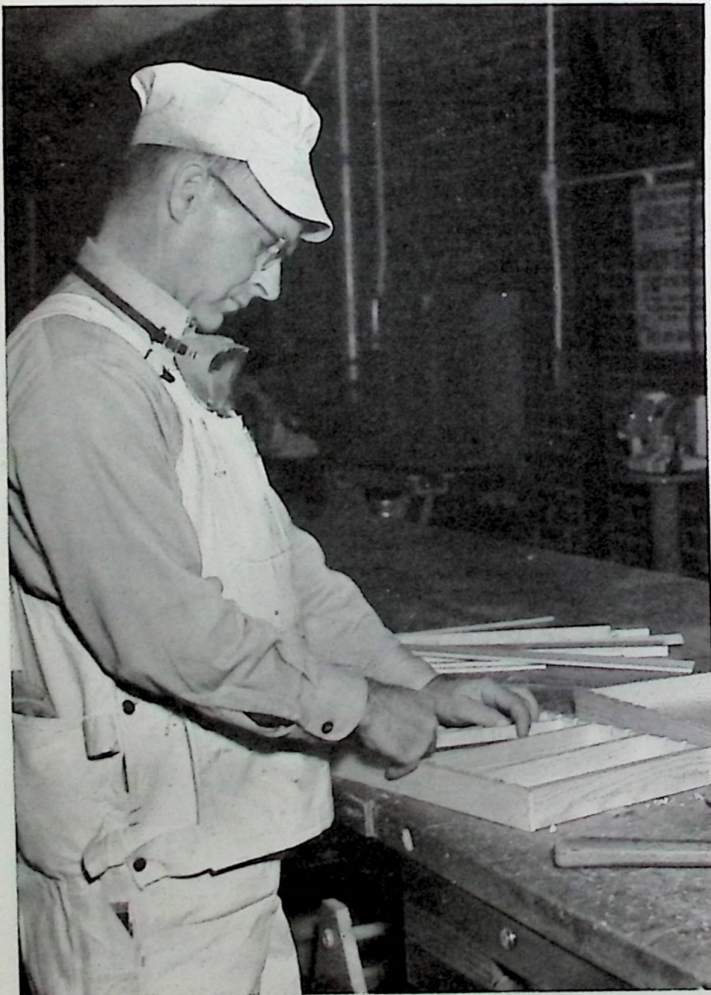
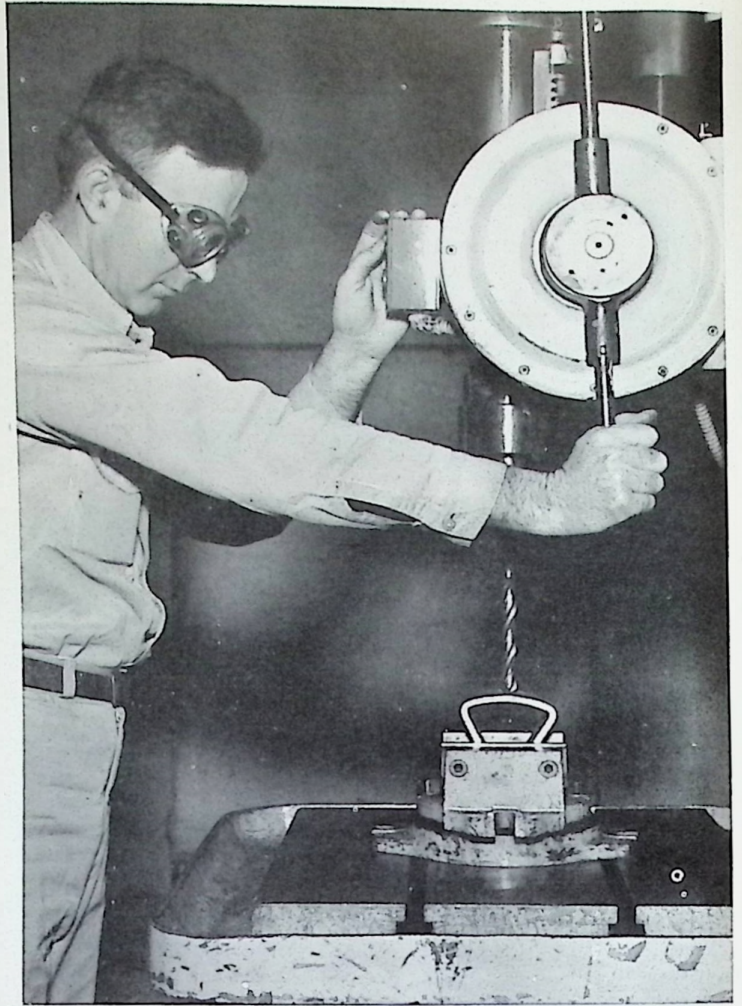


(ABOVE and Lower Right): Second and third grade groups from the Fieldale Elementary School pictured after their Christmas (1954) pageant. (Above Right): Nell King, "D" Shift, Textile, with her children Susan 5, and Carol, 13, chat with Charles Wallace, Principal of school and Mrs. Oren Counts, Carol's teacher.



THE craftsmen in the Millwright Groups of both Maintenance and Project have the responsibility of installing, repairing and overhauling machinery (except electrical) on our plant. Their work ranges from replacing a small cotter key to overhauling the huge air conditioning fans. Clyde Brown, Project, is among our many Millwrights whose skilled hands keep our machines in order. Here Clyde is about to drill a monorail hanger for plant use.

Skilled Hands



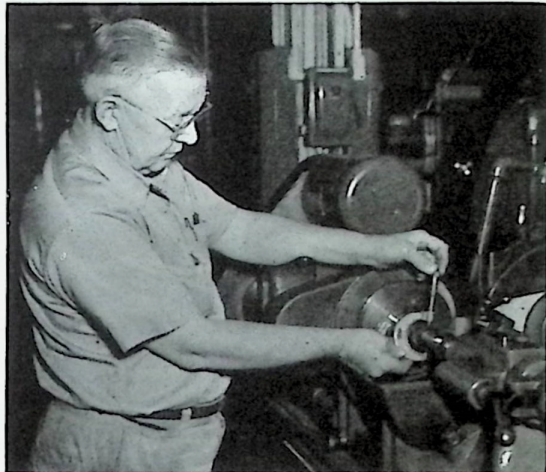
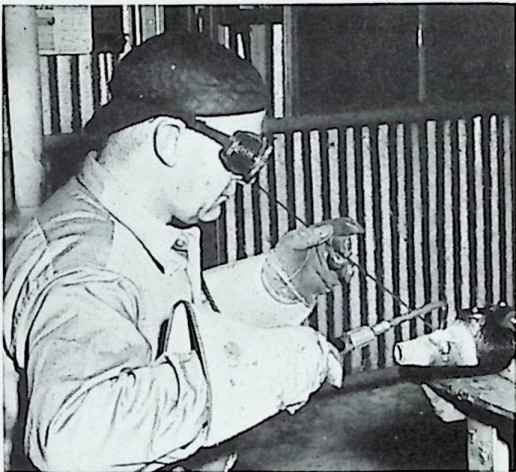
SKILLED HANDS, for centuries, have trademarked the cultural and economic standards of nations and eras of civilization. Artisans have applied their various skills to wood, metal and other materials. Artists have applied their various talents in painting, music, sculpture and architecture. The results of their combined efforts, past and present, largely influence our lives.

Entertainment and pleasure have reached new highs through the talented efforts of Artists. Comfort and leisure have greatly increased, assisted by the skilled hands of Artisans. At our plant, the latter's efforts surround us. Jobs are created, improved and made easier because the Artisans here at Martinsville have brought the dreams of ideas into the realm of reality. We are proud of the high standards of craftsmanship established by the skilled hands at this plant.

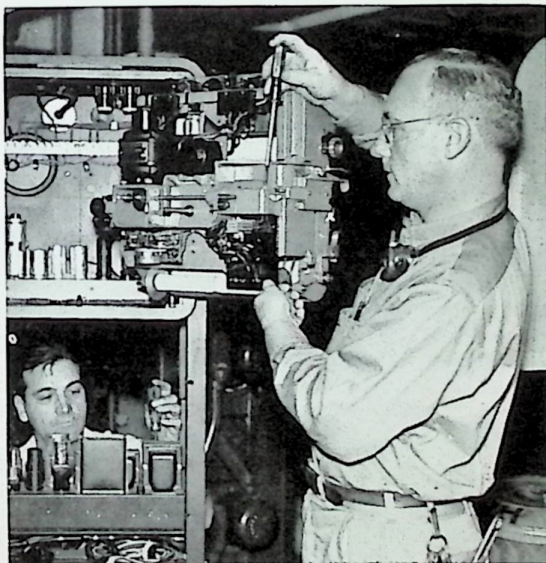
HARRY BRADLEY is one of several Martinsville Plant carpenters whose skilled hands transform wood into hundreds of shapes necessary for successful maintenance and operation. Technical and Operations often call upon our carpenters for jobs the layman would deem impossible, and yet the jobs are done—often done in a hurry!



PIPECOVERING is a relatively new craft in industry, but nonetheless important. Pipefitters make possible the transfer of liquids and gases for the job. Pipecovers see that these liquids and gases retain the proper amount of heat or cold during transfer to the job. A typical job is performed by O. C. Thomasson (far left) who is making a layout for a grid cover. Most chemical plants with their necessary maze of pipes and valves demand the best in pipefitting skills. These men like other craftsmen, not only build from blueprints, but are sometimes asked to create, without prints, intricate installations. Here (left) Henry Barbour, Project, is making a machine automatic valve assembly.



INDUSTRY'S need for the cutting apart and joining together of metals is great. This particular need is fulfilled quickly and efficiently by the skilled hands of welders. The degree of their skill, like all crafts, is governed by knowledge and experience. (Far left) Dawson Taylor, Project, welds a piece for a pipe assembly. Ernie Alcorn (left), Maintenance Machinist Craftsman, checks measurements during grinding process on a reverse cam roller for P. & S. machines. He and other machinists are often called upon to make moving machine parts which require measurements to .0001 of an inch—30 times smaller than the diameter of a hair.



THE skilled hands of our sheet metal workers like Pete Catron, Maintenance (far left), are continually being called upon to supply fabricated metal equipment in all manner of shapes and sizes for the plant. Their motto is: "If you need it, we'll make it." And sometimes they do not have blueprints to follow. (Left): Clifford Cunningham, Electronics, Craftsman (kneeling), and Norman Mahon, Instrument-Mechanic Craftsman, are checking and repairing the frequency converter on a portable frequency recorder. Other electricians maintain and install lines and equipment which bring power to our machines and for our conveniences. Their skilled hands enable us to enjoy better working conditions year end and year out.

MARTINSVILLE PLANT CRAFTSMEN NEVER CEASE TO IMPROVE ON THEIR ABILITIES

THE employees who appeared in this story are among those considered to be "tops" in their respective crafts here at Martinsville. Their skills were not acquired overnight. In most instances, years of work and experience were neces-

sary to effect the degree of skill they now possess. True artisans, they will never cease to improve their abilities. And, in turn, they continue to help and set excellent examples for their fellow workers who have less experience than they have.

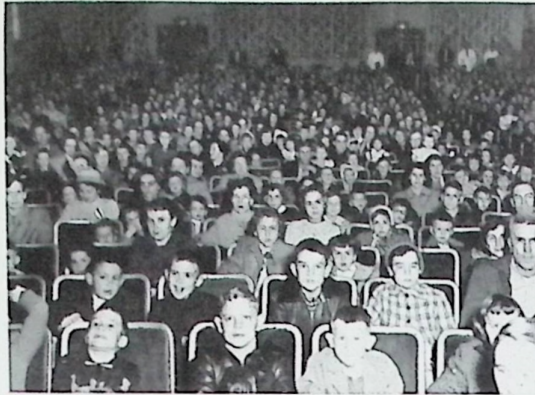
Whenever possible, the craftsmen in this story were photographed in phases of their work requiring the least amount of safety equipment. This was done to show more clearly their faces and hands.

—THE END

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Approximately 1,400 children of employees were at the Rives Theatre and 150 at the Rex on Saturday, December 18 for the annual company-sponsored Christmas parties.

Following the showing of several cartoons, Santa made his visit and distributed stockings filled with candy and toys. Members of supervision acted as ushers and helped Santa with his job.



THEY WATCHED MOVIES



SOME WONDERED



SOME WERE CAUTIOUS



SOME CONFIDED



SOME LAUGHED



SOME CRIED



SOME POSED



SOME WERE BOLD



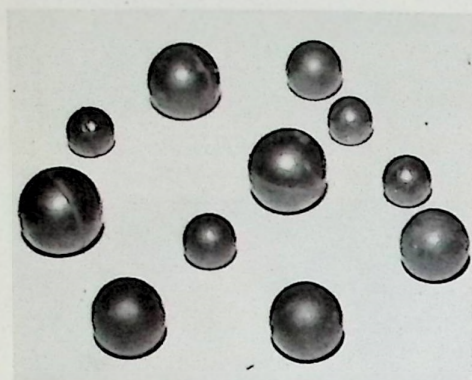
SOME SLEPT



HERE WERE A FEW STOCKINGS LEFT...AND SANTA WAS DONE IN!

Our Shopping List

FOR A FAMILY OF OVER 3,000!



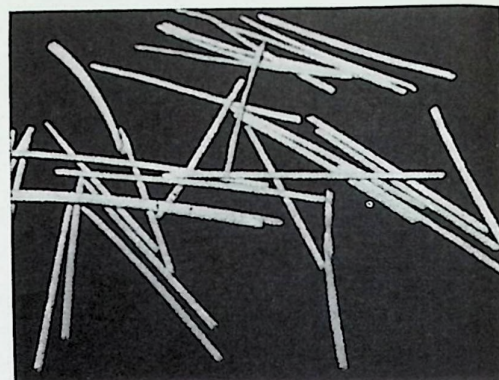
RUBBER BALLS

- ☐ a. Used by P. & S. Maintenance for couplings between gear boxes and motors on blenders.
- ☐ b. Used on certain pieces of plant equipment as protective cushions.
- ☐ c. For rollers on certain pieces of delicate equipment in the Power Area.

Oddly enough, many items that appear on your household shopping list show up on our plant, too—but for widely different reasons. We buy combs but not for keeping our fair sex well-groomed. We use a lot of diaper cloth—but not for the customary purpose. We have our own strange and various uses for these humdrum objects.

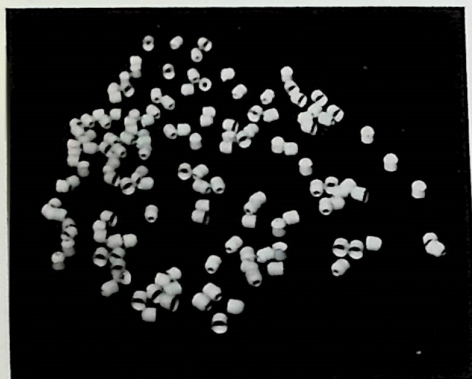
On this page are eight things we buy from other companies. Can you figure out how these odd items help us make and ship nylon? Under each picture are three "answers". Only one of the three is correct. After you have indicated your choice, you can figure your score by turning to page 12 where the correct answers are listed.

Only don't feel let down if you fail to get a perfect score . . . We know several nylon "experts" who didn't get a 100.



PIPE CLEANERS

- ☐ a. Used in Pipe Shop to clean small piping.
- ☐ b. Used to make decorations used in safety meetings and plant display cases.
- ☐ c. Used by Pack Room to clean distribution holes in sand holders.



BEADS

- ☐ a. Used by Power Area as insulation on heating units.
- ☐ b. To drop in oil drums for determining fluid level.
- ☐ c. Used to remove paraffin wax from pipe-lines.



GARTERS

- ☐ a. Used by spinning patrol doffers to hold up long sleeves on coveralls while doffing.
- ☐ b. Used by Textile girls to hold knee (brake) pads in place.
- ☐ c. Used for hangers for certain small copper tubes in manufacturing areas.



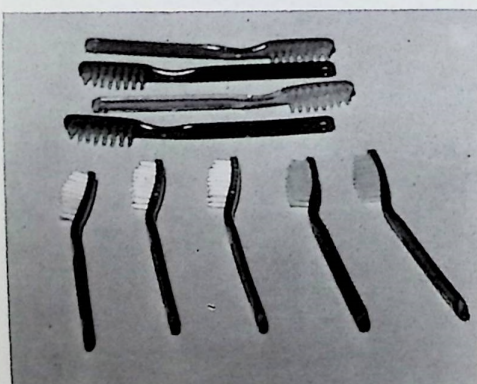
DIAPER CLOTH

- ☐ a. To protect machinery and instruments from dust.
- ☐ b. Used for baffle board covers in P. & S.
- ☐ c. To wipe pipettes used in laboratory tests.



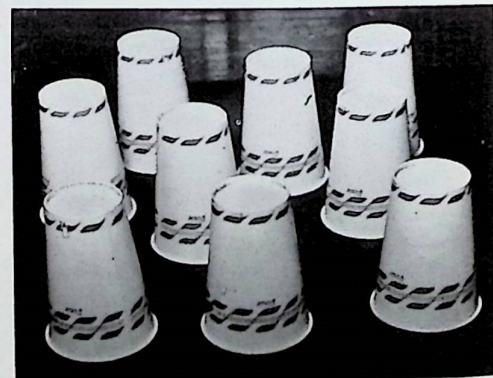
COMBS

- ☐ a. Used in Tabulating to separate delicate wires while machines are being repaired.
- ☐ b. To remove particles of flake or foreign matter from waste.
- ☐ c. Used by T-8 P. & S. for stringing up 15 denier mono-filament finish guides.



TOOTHBRUSHES

- ☐ a. Used in Laboratory to wash narrow-neck glassware.
- ☐ b. Used in Spinning to clean spinnerets.
- ☐ c. Used in Textile Maintenance to clean certain delicate machine parts.



DIXIE CUPS

- ☐ a. Used as drinking cups in areas without electric coolers.
- ☐ b. Used in Medical Section when taking certain medicines.
- ☐ c. Used by Pump Room to catch oil while testing pumps.



HARTFORD MADE ADDRESS



MEMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE PLANT'S 25-YEAR SERVICE CLUB POSE FOR PICTURE PRIOR TO DINNER

18 ENJOY PLANT'S FIRST 25-YEAR CLUB DINNER

ON December 8, eighteen of the plant's nineteen 25-Year Club members (George Yeamans was on vacation) enjoyed their first fellowship meeting and dinner at the Lynwood Club.

After a fellowship period in which appetizers were enjoyed and many events and experiences over the years recalled, the "old-timers" were treated to a delicious steak dinner.

Following the dinner, Toastmaster Cole Burroughs introduced Plant Manager W. D. Hartford who addressed the gathering. Mr. Hartford traced the growth of the Textile Fibers Department, recalling that at one time this depart-

ment consisted of only the Buffalo Plant. He also reminded the group one-half of company sales now come from products which were unknown 25 years ago, and were made possible by the great Du Pont research program and faith in dealing with people.

Emphasizing the importance of co-operation among employees, and the fairness of the company in dealing with its workers, Mr. Hartford stated that it was his belief that every member of the Du Pont team, when "sent to the sidelines", would declare proudly, "That's the company I worked for, my friends!"

25-YEAR CLUB ROSTER

WILLIAM D. HARTFORD
JOSEPH E. HILL, Sr.
ESCOLE W. BURROUGHS
WILLIAM B. HUFFAKER
SAMUEL M. SLOAN
EUGENE M. HAKANSON
E. F. SWEZEY
T. R. SCHROEDER
FRANK J. RYAN
THOMAS M. MAYNARD, Sr.
JAMES H. RODEN
JAMES D. RENFROE, Jr.
ROBERT N. CROCKETT
GEORGE H. YEAMANS
CLARENCE R. BAYLIS
ALFRED E. CONNELLY
OTIS C. DISBROW
HORACE H. WATSON, Jr.
JOHN H. CHAFFIN, Jr.



DINNER FEATURED FRUIT CUP, FILET MIGNON, VEGETABLES, SALAD, CHERRY COBBLER AND COFFEE



TOASTMASTER BURROUGHS

GROUP ENJOYING APPETIZERS; SCHROEDER AND CHAFFIN HAD LONGEST AND SHORTEST SERVICE; CLUB PERSONNEL PREPARED DINNER



ANTI-TRUST CHARGES DISMISSED

THE government's civil anti-trust suit against Du Pont, General Motors, and the United States Rubber Company was dismissed on December 3 by U. S. District Court Judge Walter J. La Buy in Chicago.

"The government," Judge La Buy ruled, "has failed to prove conspiracy, monopolization, a restraint of trade, or any reasonable probability of a restraint."

The essence of the conspiracy and restraint which the government charged and sought to prove, the court said, was an alleged limitation on General Motors' ability to deal as it pleased with competitors of Du Pont and United States Rubber. However, a detailed analysis of the evidence satisfied the court that G. M. enjoyed complete freedom with respect to items made by Du Pont and U. S. Rubber.

DISCUSSING historic dismissal of anti-trust charges against Du Pont, top leaders (L. to R.) Irene du Pont, Crawford H. Greenewalt and Walter Carpenter expressed gratification at Judge La Buy's Chicago Court's findings.



ONE 15-YEAR PIN; TWO GET TEN



JOHN EXLEY
15 Years

LEOLA BARNES
10 Years

E. L. ("RED") COLLINS
10 Years

LANT WINS EIGHTEENTH B. D. AWARD

As of midnight, December 20, the entire Martinsville organization completed 662 days without a major injury, thereby winning the Board of Directors' Award for the eighteenth time. This outstanding achievement entitled each employee on the rolls as of December 20 to his choice of one of the many very attractive merchandise prizes which were on display in the cafeteria the latter part of December and the first week of January. Winning this award is positive proof that injuries can be prevented and will be prevented as long as we abide by the rule "safety first".

CASELL PLAYS SANTA; LYNWOOD YOUTH DANCE

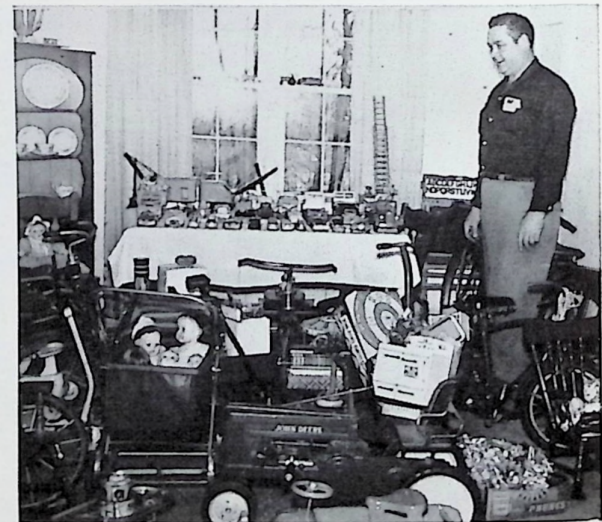
MURRAY CASELL, Projects, proved to be a real Santa Claus to the children of more than 60 needy families around his home at Meadows of Dan the past Christmas. All during the year, Murray, his wife and son collected and repaired toys. The fun came on Christmas Eve when he donned a Santa suit and spent several hours distributing the toys along with groceries to the families. Murray plans to make this a yearly project, so if you have any old toys, call him at home—8157. (Below): Two pictures of December Lynwood Youth Dance. 150 attended.

FIVE-YEAR PINS

Raynelle Dehart	Joseph Minter
Frances Perdue	Henry Nance
Keren Smith	Glenn Boyde
Grover Harrison	Virginia Gibson
Betty Hylton	Betty Nickelston
Violet Thomas	Luther Bridges
Banner Priddy, Jr.	Eula Hill
Roy Herndon	Irene Burnette
James Purdy	David Bradstock
Joseph Lewis	Howard Wilcox, Jr.
	Eva Houck

SHOPPING LIST ANSWERS FROM PAGE 10

Rubber Balls—(a)
Beads—(a)
Combs—(c)
Garters—(b)
Toothbrushes—(a)
(Also in Textile to clean ring wicks)
Pipe Cleaners—(c)
Diaper Cloth—(b)
(Also to clean air conditioning wicks)
Dixie Cups—(c)
(Also in Laboratory for weighing samples of flake)



FOR EVERY
PLANT ACCIDENT

IN 1955

THERE WILL BE TWO
IN THE HOME

—Sponsored by Process Area



WHY BE HALF SAFE?

NEWS

WE congratulate (left to right): Holland Pace, T. D. Alexander and Ted Ussery on receiving award checks in December for fine suggestions they submitted.



WINNERS IN RECENT TYPE 8, TEXTILE AND P. & S. SAFETY JINGLE AND SLOGAN-GUESSING CONTESTS



BETTY GENTRY
"D" Shift

KATIE JOHNSON
"A" Shift

HILDA BARKER
"C" Shift

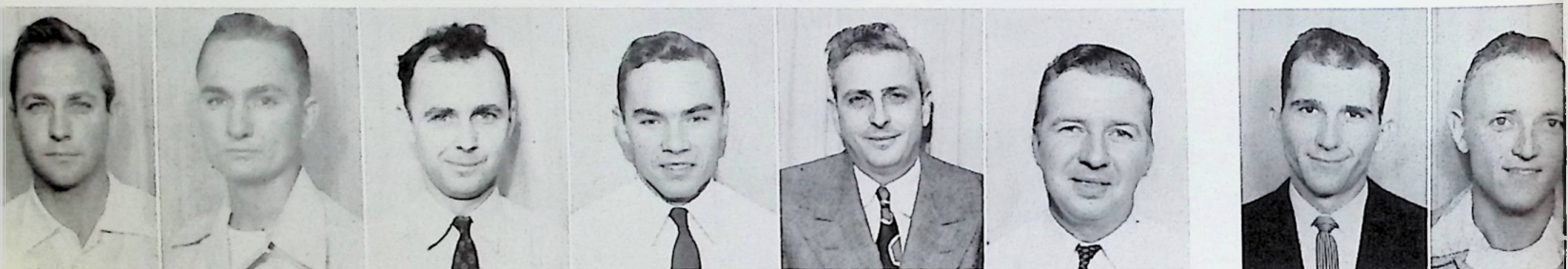
CRYSTAL DAVIS
"B" Shift

LOUISE WILLIAMS
Day Crew

HARVEY ALTICE
1st Prize, P. & S.

STROTHER SHELTON
2nd Prize, P. & S.

PLANT ORGANIZATION CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER; TWO SERVICE VETERANS RETURN



(L. TO R.): Fred Powell, Joseph Lowe, Lewis Lyon, Engineers-Design, transferred to Atomic Energy Division; George Corse, Shift Supervisor-Textile to Sales Development, Wilmington; William Massey, Senior Engineer-Process, to Chattanooga; Hugh Penn transferred from Wilmington to Foreman-Textile. Pictures were not available on Jesse Friar and A. P. ("Tony") Carpenito, Engineers-Design, who were also transferred to the A. E. D.

HERMAN HARRIS, Foreman-Textile and Lonzie Carter, P. & S., returned from Service since November "Blender". Both were rated Corporals.



CONGRATULATIONS to "A" Shift, Denier Room. This group has now joined many others who are 100% owners and wearers of safety shoes. (First Row, L. to R.): Ira McCrickard, Foreman; Pat Ferguson, Mary Lou Martin, Alta Martin, Clydie Brown, Marie McMillon, Becky Ellis, Sally Travis, Paul Walker, Supervisor. (Back Row): Bernice Duncan, Nancy Creasy, Esther Elgin, Virginia Mullins, Ruby Willis, Annie Nowlin, Evelyn Hilbert, Dixie Cooper.

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .

RINGS

Stella Vaughn, Textile, and Leon Gusler, U. S. Navy.
Jean Radford Prillaman, Textile, and Buford Dillon, Rocky Mount, Va.
Ethel Alexander, Textile, and Zendale Lemons, U. S. Navy.
Barbara Martin, Textile, and Kenneth Parcell, Martinsville, Va.
Marion Reynolds, Textile, and Graham Fields, Leaksville, N. C.
Ruth Dooley, Inspection, and Earl Lee Mills, Martinsville, Va.
Christine Hobson, Textile, and C. N. Weaver, Washington, D. C.
Edna Nester, Textile, and Landon Riddle, Martinsville, Va.

RINGS



RETURNED Service Veteran, Bobby Barnes, Power, pictured with his bride, the former Joan Gillsbank of Morden, England. They were married at Morden in the Church of England which is more than 300 years old. They now live at R. F. D. 1, in Danville, Virginia.

Mary Lou Patterson, Textile, to Joe Rossomando, New Haven, Conn.
Mary Frost, Textile, to Claude Taylor, Sparta, N. C.
Barbara Earles, Inspection, to Harold Garrett, U. S. Air Force.
B. J. Kyle, Project, to Evelyn M. Brown, Fredericksburg, Va.
Geneva Carico, Textile, to Jack Davis, Collinsville, Va.
Ilene Baliles, Textile, to Don Thacker, Martinsville, Va.
Betty Hodges, Textile, to Oliver Roark, Spencer, Va.
Joy Riggs, Textile, to Wayne McMillian, Martinsville, Va.
Minnie Blackstone, Textile, to Jesse Thomason, Martinsville, Va.
Lillie Ann George, Textile, to Page Arnold, Martinsville, Va.

Doretha Stone, Textile, to Okie Turner, Bassett, Va.
Ruby Barker, Textile, to George Esqew.
Gloria E. Bishop, Textile, to Lewis B. Portis, U. S. Navy.
Betty J. Dudley, Textile, to Jesse D. Burnette, U. S. Navy.
Sylvia Thompson, Textile, to Meredith Patterson, Inspection-Shipping.
Thelma C. Wade, Textile, to Wilton Sutphin, Floyd, Va.
Virginia A. Boyd, Textile, to Charles Kiger, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Betty E. Anderson, Inspection, to Oscar Overby, Jr., Reidsville, N. C.
Mary Boothe, Inspection, to Frank Massey, Stuart, Va.
Jeanette McAlexander, Inspection, to Troy Mitchell, Bassett, Va.
Ruth Eagle, Process Control, to John Southard, Martinsville, Va.

RATTLES

Bill Thacker, Shipping, a daughter, Linda Suzan, October 31.
Juanita Tolbert, Textile, a son, Terry Lee, December 1.
Nellie Brown, Inspection, a son, Ronnie Davis, October 24.
Lonie Foster, Textile, a son, Richard Lane, December 9.
Gladys and Carl Brown, Textile and P. & S., a daughter, Vickie Dawn, November 13.
William Prillaman, P. & S., a son, Richard Lee, October 28.
Edward E. Compton, P. & S. Maintenance, a son, Terry Lynn, November 13.
Dura Lavender, Textile, a daughter, Sharan Kay, November 25.
Marion Thomasson, Textile, a daughter, Deborah Keatts, November 24.
Paul A. Tuggle, Block Room, a son, James Robert, November 20.
Pauline and John Mills, Textile and Block Room, a daughter, Karan Ann, December 2.
S. K. Whitlow, Power, a daughter, Billie Jean, October 30.
W. G. Smith, Power, a daughter, Teresa Elizabeth, November 15.
C. E. Dickey, Power, adopted son, David Warren, four months old.
Billie Setliff, Denier Room, a daughter, November 20.
Goldie Bryant, Process Control, a son, John Fayette, November 27.
Doris and Warren Shelton, Process Control and Air Conditioning, a son, Terry Angelo, November 1.
Mildred and Lester Dalton, Process Control, a daughter, Jennifer Elaine, November 10.
Robert E. Wheeler, Textile Maintenance, twin girls, Pamela Marie and Patricia Ann, December 15.
Daniel V. Turner, Textile Maintenance, a son, Rodger Lee, December 6.
Frank Mantz, Textile, a daughter, Gail Marie, December 28.
Shirley Irving, Textile, a daughter, Varilyn, December 26.
W. C. Mallonee, Process Control, a son, W. C., Jr., January 1, 1955.
Laskey Talbert, Inspection, a son, Laskey Britt, November 4.
Clarence Robertson, Pipefitters, a daughter, Wanda Faye, November 24.
Henry and Betty Burnette, P. & S. and Textile, a daughter, Elizabeth Diana, December 31.
Maynard and Rose Thompson, P. & S. and Textile, a son, Gary Maynard, December 20.

Nelda Turner, Inspection, a daughter, Deborah Susan, December 24.
Henry Bennett, P. & S., a daughter, Elizabeth Dianne, December 30.
James McBride, P. & S., a son, James Kenneth, December 16.
Raymond Cardwell, P. & S., a daughter, Ruth Ann, December 25.
Joseph Cannaday, Shipping, a daughter, Rhonda Kay, December 14.
Claude Haynes, P. & S., a son, Adrian Donald, December 8.

Sympathy

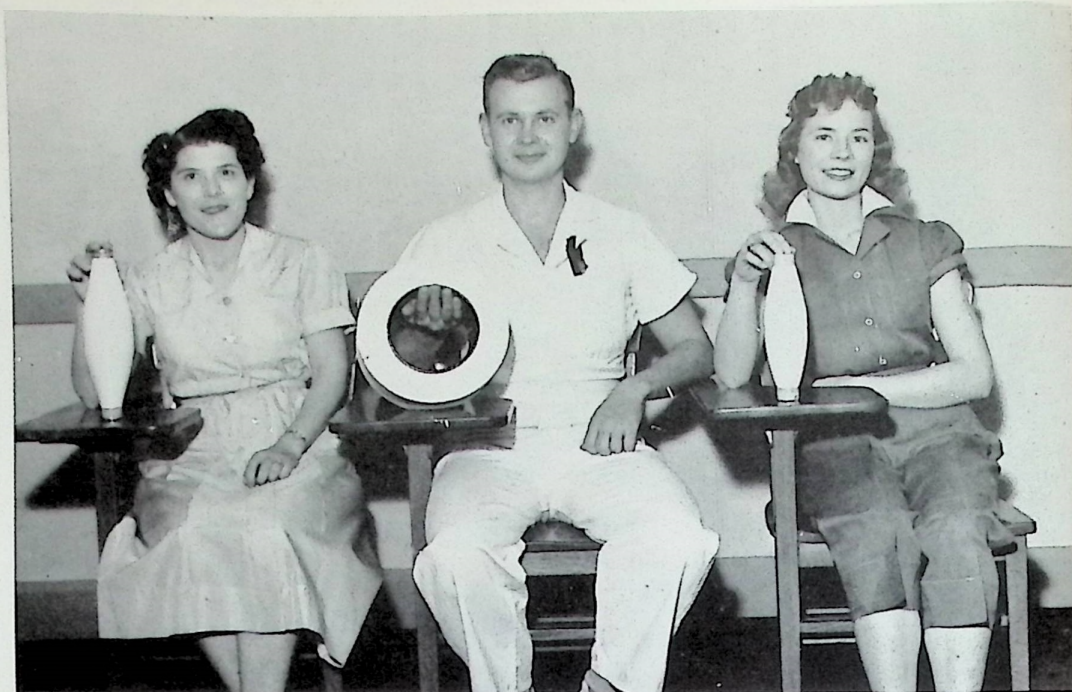
The plant personnel extends deepest sympathy to:
John Joyce in the death of his father-in-law.
Don Hartford in the death of his mother-in-law.
Sue Pierce in the death of her brother.
Bud Abbitt in the death of his brother.
James T. Brugh in the death of his grandmother.
Lloyd Swain in the death of his father.
Excie Morris in the death of her father.
F. M. Robbins in the death of his mother-in-law.
John Powell in the death of his mother and sister.
Janell Robbins in the death of her aunt.
Zelma Durham in the death of her nephew.
James Souther in the death of his mother-in-law.
Edward Taylor in the death of his father.
Hazel Powell in the death of her mother and sister.
Winifred Minter in the death of her grandfather.
Winnie Pillars in the death of her husband.
Elizabeth J. Smith in the death of her uncle.
Carlene Robertson in the death of her father.
Bernice Carter in the death of her sister-in-law.
Frances Carter in the death of her uncle.
Vera Dillon in the death of her mother.
Betty Hylton in the death of her uncle.
Richard Hill in the death of his uncle.
Elnore Moore in the death of her grandmother.

TRANSFERRED FROM YERKES



FOUR veteran employees of Yerkes Rayon Plant at Buffalo, N. Y., which is in the process of closing, reported to Martinsville recently. (L. to R. from top): John McConnell, Shift Supervisor—Manufacturing; William Mease, Foreman in Works Engineering; Ted Schroeder, Shift Supervisor—Manufacturing and Lee Kaiser, Chief Timekeeper.
The four are long-service employees. They were transferred here with the company's announcement in July that as many veteran employees as possible would be transferred to other locations as the closing of the Yerkes Plant progressed. We welcome them to Martinsville.

1955



Presents A Challenge To All Of Us

THE year 1955 presents us with a great challenge. Are we going to market a quality product which will be consistently superior to all other competing fibers? This challenge brings us an exceptional opportunity, too. Here is our chance to prove that Du Pont nylon is best. We can do it! We have the experience, the know-how, the equipment, and above all, "the esprit de corps" to make the Martinsville Nylon Team an unbeatable one.

A part of this team (left to right), Ira Hairfield, "D" Shift, Inspection; Calvin Holland, "D" Shift, P. & S. T-9 and Anna Easley, "D" Shift, Textile, T-8, are pictured above. Ira and the other girls that perform the duties of a Final Inspectress, carefully examine each package of yarn, prior to shipment, in order that the customer may be guaranteed the "best in the house". However, nylon has certain quality characteristics that cannot be seen by the naked eye. These are built into the yarn through

strict adherence to standard practice by the various other manufacturing groups. If, for some excuse, these unseen but excellent quality characteristics are not present in our nylon, the customer discovers it in short order. This can easily result in Du Pont's losing that customer. That is why each of us must maintain a constant vigil to prevent poor quality. It is simply a matter of everyone concerned following standard practice, being alert, and accepting full responsibility for the job.

It has been aptly stated that tomorrow's nylon market is unquestionably dependent on the quality we build into today's production. In addition, we know that customers are continually looking for new and better products to satisfy their needs and desires. Let us see to it that our customers are never disappointed and that the quality of Du Pont nylon makes it the leader in the textile field today, tomorrow and every day of the year. Yes, it's our challenge!



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING—THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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THE COVER

VALENTINES were originally love poems or letters exchanged on February 14 because of a myth that birds began mating on that day. About 150 years ago these poems and letters degenerated into grotesque pictures which people sent to acquaintances they didn't like. Fortunately, this custom has now changed back to the original idea, love poems, love letters and lovely girls like Barbara Black, "D" Shift, Textile, T-9. She lives in Leaksville.

ARE YOU A 1955 MODEL?

In reading about the newest developments in cars, we came across these phrases: wide angle visibility—the whole outdoors within your range—steady steering—bigger inside—perfect road balance—stepped-up power—larger positive brakes for swift, smooth stops—softer, quieter operation.

Have you seen a 1955 model man—one who could be described the same way? The blueprint on such a fellow would run something like this:

WIDE-ANGLE VISIBILITY: The 1955 model man has no blind spots. He sees around every problem. He has wider vision than man has ever had before. He looks above and beyond prejudice and intolerance. The windows of his mind and soul are wide and high.

STEADY STEERING: He steers a straight and true course. Rough spots in the road are only a challenge to his spirit. He keeps a steady hand on the steering wheel of his life.

BIGGER INSIDE: He has a heart and spirit of large dimensions. He lives an expanded life, knowing that being right on the inside is the best way to make things go right on the outside.

PERFECTED ROAD BALANCE: He hugs the road. He keeps his feet on the ground. He travels life's road keeping close to people and events. He keeps his life well balanced between work and play, home life and worship.

STEPPED-UP POWER: He turns his mental motor to the highest and best in life. He opens himself to the infinite energies of good will, love and faith, through which men accomplish modern miracles.

SOFTER, QUIETER OPERATION: His mind operates on precision ball bearings. He instantly swings his mind open to new ideas. His contacts are lubricated with the oil of understanding and good cheer. He is a peacemaker always striving to reduce friction between men.

LARGER POSITIVE BRAKES: He has stopping power as well as going power. He knows when to say his say and when to keep quiet. In the traffic of life he practices the rules of courtesy and consideration. He steps on the brakes as well as the gas. He uses his mental brakes to avoid human collisions, and to keep life's highway safe and happy for all.

If we don't find a person of this description, don't be disappointed. It would be interesting to fashion our own lives along these lines and just see what happens.

NEW PRODUCT WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD

One of Du Pont's newest products is almost literally worth its weight in gold. Pure silicon, now in commercial manufacture, sells for \$380 a pound. Its equivalent weight in gold would cost \$420.

Despite the high price (because of high purity and low production volume), brisk sales stem from silicon's unique properties and ability to fill a special need.

A valuable raw material used in minute quantities in the electronics industry, it promises to make possible, among other things, cheaper television sets, tiny radios of the sort now seen only in the comic pages, and desk-size "electronic brains." In the solar battery, it helps convert the sun's rays to electricity.

STOCKHOLDERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Our Company was owned by 149,414 stockholders as of December 31, 1954, an increase of 454 over the number of holders recorded at the close of the third quarter of 1954, and an increase of 3,402, or 2.33 per cent, over the number as of December 31, 1953.

There were 133,997 holders of common stock and 21,984 holders of preferred stock as 1954 ended. These figures include 6,567 holders of more than one kind of stock.

Every state in the union continued to be represented among the owners.

ALAN BALDWIN, JR.
4th Grade Patrick Henry School
Son of Al Baldwin
P. & S. T-9



BOBBY HERRINGTON
2nd Grade Patrick Henry School
Son of Margaret Herrington
Cafeteria



TONE DEL PAPA
3rd Grade Patrick Henry School
Son of Frank Del Papa
Design



A possible man of affairs,
A possible LEADER OF MEN,
Back of the grin he wears
There may be the courage of ten;

Lawyer or merchant or priest,
ARTIST or singer of joy,
This when his strength is increased,
Is what may become of a boy;

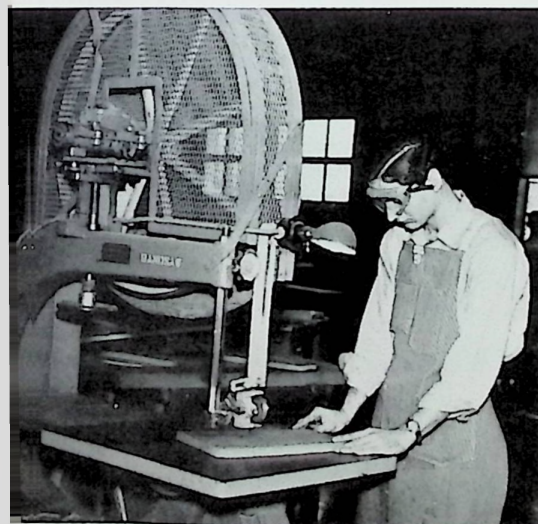
Heedless and MISCHIEVOUS now,
Spending his boyhood in play,
Yet the glory may rest on his brow
And fame may exalt him someday;



THE BOY . . .

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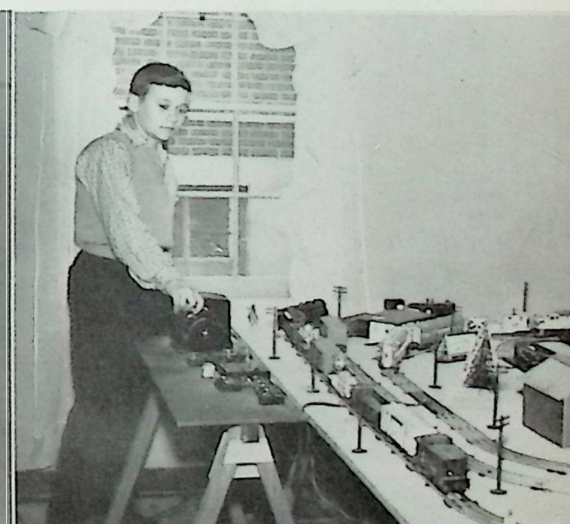
JIMMY MURPHY
Sophomore in Martinsville High
Son of James Murphy
Power



ANDY GEOGHEGAN
3rd Grade Patrick Henry School
Son of Bill Geoghegan
Stores



CURTIS LOCKE
7th Grade Junior High
Son of Irvin Locke
Textile



A SKILL that the world shall admire,
Strength that the world shall employ,
And faith that shall burn as a fire,
Are what may be found in a boy;

He with his freckles of tan,
He with that FUN-LOVING GRIN,
May rise to great heights as a man
And many a battle win;

Back of the slang of the streets,
And back of THE LOVE OF A TOY,
It may be a great spirit beats—
Lincoln was once a Boy!



PATRICK SPRINGS and CRITZ, VA.

THE HOME TOWNS OF 125 DU PONT EMPLOYEES

Patrick Springs



A **NATIVE** of the peaceful village of Patrick Springs, is George Pendleton, "C" Shift, Type 8, Textile. He is pictured here in front of the small, but efficient community post office.

SITUATED at the foot of Bull Mountain five miles east of Stuart and 25 miles west of Martinsville, is the quiet, peaceful village of Patrick Springs in Patrick County. Until fire destroyed the hotel in 1953, Patrick Springs was noted for more than 50 years as a summer and health resort frequented by people seeking rest and quiet. Another attraction for many years, especially to the younger set, were the weekly Saturday night round and square dances on the pavillion located near the springs. Rumor has it that a local merchant plans to restore the hotel in the near future and bring back the good old days to the village.

The BLENDER salutes its fine citizens.



NEW grade school—a portion of which is pictured here—was completed in '54 and has 246 pupils. Brenda Joyce, 6-year-old daughter of George, is one of the first grade students.



RACHEL VIA, "A" Shift Inspection, is pictured in front of the beautiful Methodist Church of which she is one of 168 members. Church was built in 1941, organized years earlier.



DOROTHY MARTIN, "A" Shift, Textile, Type 9, is one of approximately 75 Du Pont employees who live in or near the village of Patrick Springs—a portion of which is pictured in the background. Village received name from two famous nearby springs. For many years it was famous summer and health resort until fire destroyed hotel in 1953. Plans are to rebuild.



(ABOVE Left): Bruce Via, "A" Shift, Textile, Type 9 and Rachel, stroll near the dance pavillion at the famous resort.

(ABOVE): Dorothy Martin, seated near one of the two famous springs. Although within a few feet of each other, the mineral content of each one of the springs is entirely different.

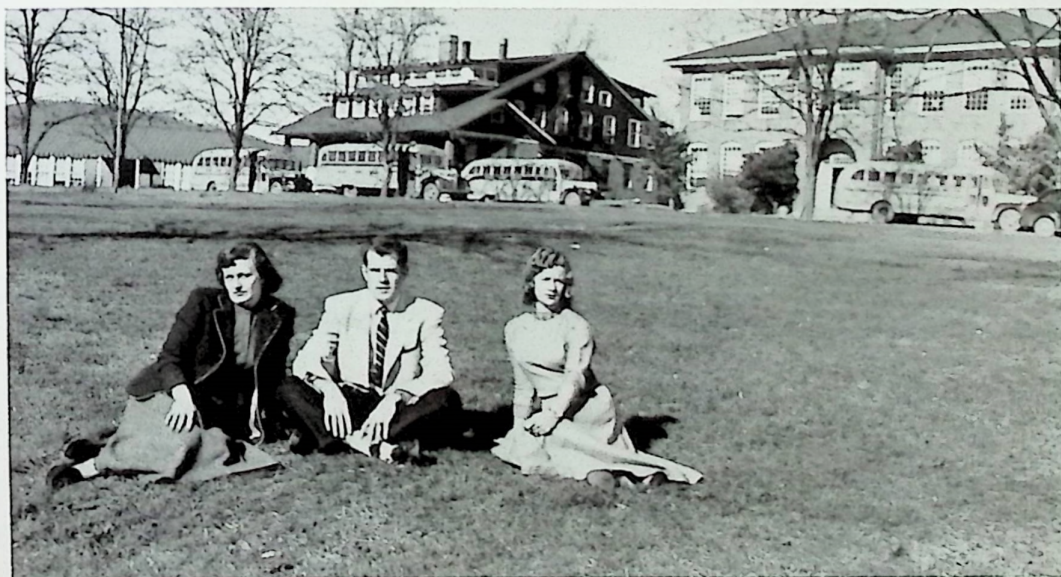
(LEFT): Post 7800 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars purchased this Patrick Springs building for a meeting place, dance hall, etc. Bruce Via is one of approximately 100 members.

Critz

ANOTHER beautiful Patrick County small town is Critz, located approximately five miles east of Stuart. The town, named after the late W. D. Critz, grandfather of Fred Critz, Service, and Nannie Sue Burton, Textile, is part of the territory once owned by the illustrious Reynolds family of the R. J. Reynolds tobacco empire.

Founded in 1883 when the Danville and Western Railway was built, the community quickly became a thriving trading center with several stores, a tobacco factory, bank, etc. Economic conditions soon changed it, however, leaving it a typical small farming center.

The BLENDER proudly salutes this home town of approximately 50 Du Pont employees as well as several hundred other friendly, enterprising citizens who live in or near the community.



(LEFT TO Right): Nannie Sue Burton, "A" Shift, Textile, Type 8, Terry Gilley, "C" Shift, Textile, Type 8 and Betty Ingram, "A" Shift Inspection, seated in front of Hardin Reynolds Memorial School at Critz. The high school has an enrollment of 190, the grade school 350. School is named in honor of the late Hardin Reynolds of the famous Reynolds family. All three employees live in Critz. The high school serves the entire eastern portion of Patrick County.

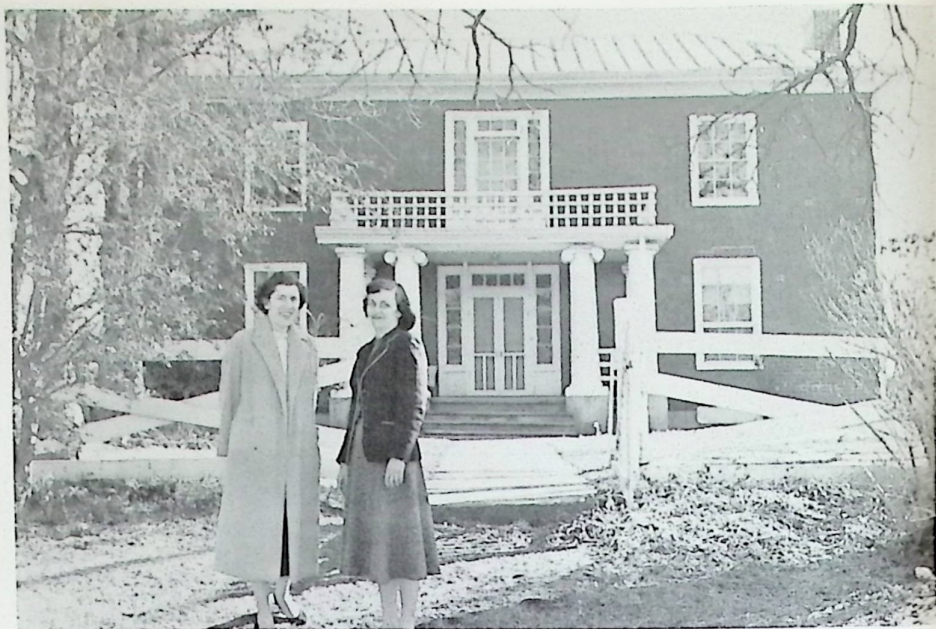
CRITZ SCHOOL IS NAMED IN HONOR OF HARDIN REYNOLDS OF FAMOUS REYNOLDS FAMILY

About 200 years ago, Abram David Reynolds came to Virginia from Scotland and after marrying, purchased 1,000 acres of Patrick County land, a part of which is now Critz.

One of the two sons of Abram Reynolds, Hardin, reared a large family. One of these sons was the late R. J. Reynolds who became head of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, the largest such concern in the world. The beginning of this empire was on the old plantation in Patrick.

The Reynolds family have been liberal givers to hospitals, churches and schools. In addition to the Hardin Reynolds Memorial School in Critz, the Nancy Cox School in Stokes County, North Carolina and the Richard J. Reynolds School in Winston-Salem, are evidences of their interest and generosity.

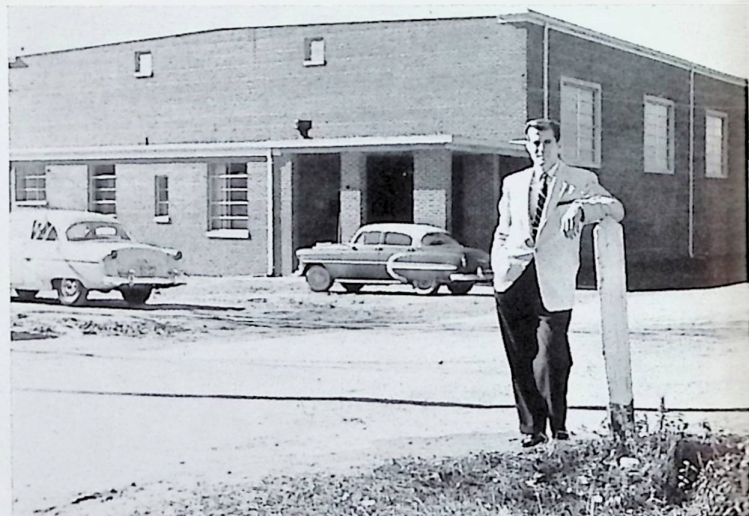
Mrs. S. W. Tompkins, the former Mrs. Harbour Reynolds, still lives at the Reynolds homestead and manages the large Virginia foothills farm.



THE Reynolds Homestead is occupied by Mrs. S. W. Tompkins, the former Mrs. Harbour Reynolds. Pictured here, in front of home are Nannie Sue Burton and Myrtle Leach, "C" Shift Denier Room. The home is approximately 100 years old and on the site of the original log home of Abram Reynolds. Five generations of the Reynolds family are buried in the cemetery which is located near the home. Mrs. Tompkins welcomes visitors.



STEVE BURTON, age 8, son of Nannie Sue Burton, shows his mother some of his third grade work. Mrs. Leath Zentmeyer, Steve's teacher, is also proud of his artistic ability. Hardin Reynolds Memorial Grade School has an enrollment of approximately 350 students who come to the school from many miles around community in both cars and buses.



TERRY GILLEY posed in front of the new Hardin Reynolds Memorial School gymnasium which was completed in 1951 with a fund of \$140,000 donated by Mr. W. H. Reynolds. The loyal school alumni donated the fold-away bleachers which will seat approximately 700. Gymnasium is one of the most beautiful in this section of Virginia.



BETTY INGRAM posed with Jimmy Lee Via, a local merchant. Mr. Via has been in the general grocery business in the community since 1927 and is well-known to hundreds of people throughout Patrick County. He has, since 1942, referred many local workers to our plant and states he "hopes to live long enough to recommend many more."



HOME of the late W. D. Critz for whom the community was named. The home is approximately 200 years old and many of the original logs are still in a perfect state of preservation. The property is now occupied by the Jim Tatum family. Fred Critz, Service and Nannie Sue Burton, Textile, "A" Shift, Type 8, are grandchildren of Mr. Critz.

—THE END.



CREDIT UNION OFFICERS FOR 1955 (left to right): President, John Richardson, Project; Vice President, John Shenal, Maintenance; Treasurer, Robert Crockett, Power; Assistant Treasurer, James Carter, Maintenance; Secretary, Barbara Bocock, Records. Officers are elected by members.



DIRECTORS (l. to r. from top): Branton Martin, Service; Kenneth Galloway, Robert Callahan, P. & S.; Donald Marshall, Maintenance.

CREDIT UNION SHOWS LARGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP



LEONARD WOODALL
Credit Union Manager

THE Martinsville Du Pont Employees' Credit Union which was organized in March, 1953, by a small group of interested and enterprising employees, has now grown to a membership of approximately 600. Assets of the corporation are approximately \$21,000. Since its organization, 160 members have received financial aid and at the present, loans to more than 100 members amount to over \$16,000.

It is felt that a great many of our employees do not understand how a credit union works or even what it is. The BLENDER hopes this article will serve to clear up many questions concerning this

organization and to show how it works.

A credit union is a group of people who unite to form an organization which will provide its members with a systematic savings program. Equally important, a credit union makes it possible for its members to take care of their credit problems through loans at a low rate of interest. The Martinsville Employees Credit Union, like all such credit unions, is subject to state and federal laws just as any other like organization. The administration of the credit union's business is under the direction of a Board of Directors, a Credit Committee and a Credit Union Supervisory Committee, all chosen by and from members in elections. The directors choose, from their own members, a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Credit Committee passes on all loans, while the above-mentioned Supervisory Committee audits the books each month.

All Martinsville Nylon Plant employees—both hourly roll and salary roll—are eligible for membership. Application for membership can now be

made during working hours to the credit union office manager or to any member of the Board of Directors, which includes the line officers. Your application must be accompanied by the regular 25c entry fee. A \$5.00 share entitles you to membership and you may purchase as many shares as you desire for as little as \$1.00 per week through payroll deductions.

As for insurance on loans, your credit union has Loan Protection Insurance—the life of each eligible borrower is insured in the amount of his loan balance up to \$10,000. The union also has Life Savings Insurance. This group plan gives each eligible member up to \$1,000 of life insurance on his savings at no premium cost to the member.

Your management is supporting the credit union and if you desire to transact any business pertaining to it, ask your supervision's permission to visit the organization's new office—No. 108 in the office building between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., Monday through Friday. Later plans are to have a larger office in the factory building.

Supervisory Committee



E. ("FLEM") SWEZEY
Service

JAMES MURPHY
Power

HOUSTON SMITH
Power

Credit Committee



THOMAS HALL
Power

PERRY HENDERSON
Power

WILBERT EVANS
Power

LIVE LIKE A KING?

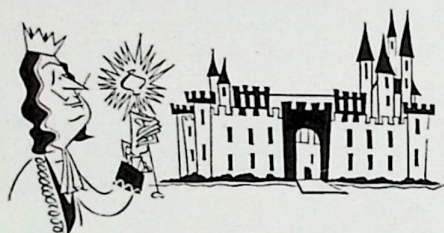
YOU have often heard the expression "Living Like a King". But, did you ever stop to wonder just how the "old boys and gals" enjoyed life in their day without the modern things of life which have been made possible for Americans by investment in productive machinery? The wretched fate of the laborer in

the days of kings is well-known. He was limited to what he could produce, to what he could lift with his arms, carry on his shoulders or dig with a hoe. He had little machinery; therefore, little of the luxuries of life.

The Du Pont employees on these pages, say "No Thanks" to "Living

Like a King". They will settle for their American system of "producing more and living better with our modern machines".

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We are indebted to the "Mead Reporter" for the idea of this presentation and the fine cartoons.)



LOUIS XIV built a palace 2,000 feet long. Houses today may be considerably smaller than this, but they're warmer and more convenient. "And anyway," as Mattie Byrd, "D" Shift, Textile, pointed out to Tom, "D" Shift, P. & S., "who'd want to live in a drafty old castle? We'd need 50 maids to clean it."

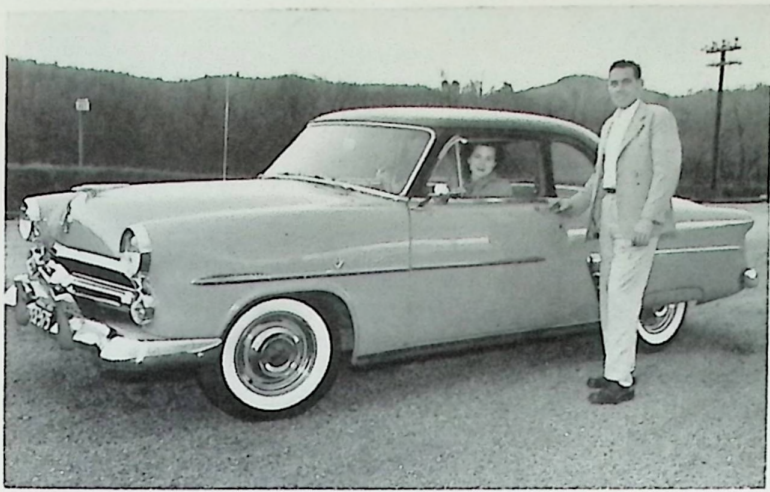


RICHARD the Lion Hearted deserved his name when he took a bath in those far off winters. People would probably have been a lot cleaner, certainly more comfortable, then if they had possessed an abundance of hot water and warm, convenient bathrooms like the one enjoyed by Ava Dove, "D" Shift, Textile.



JUST opening her refrigerator door gives Mary Freeman, "D" Shift, Textile T-9, her husband and son, Mike, two years old, a choice of food stuffs and delicacies beyond the power or imagination of His Majesty, Henry VIII. Even such a thing as salt was a luxury then. "No thanks," she says to Henry's food.

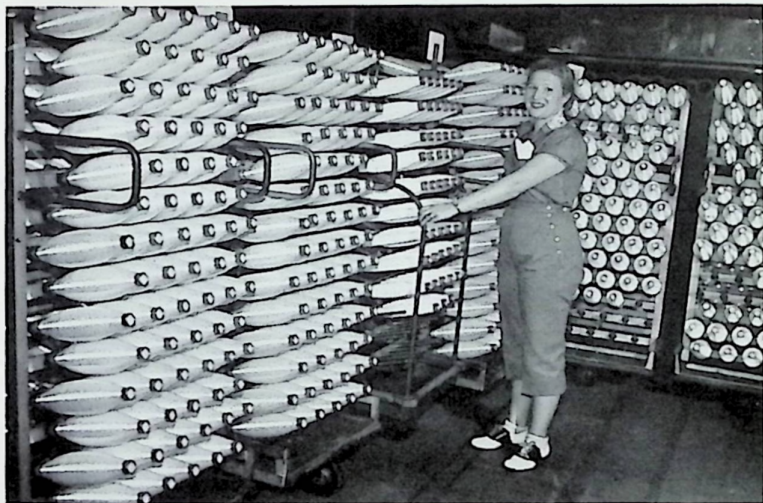




NAPOLEON'S stage coach was gilded with sheets of gold, drawn by many horses and "a show" in its day. Andrew and Kathleen McMillion, "B" Shift, P. & S. and "B" Shift, Control Lab, much prefer having a modern car like so many people in America enjoy today. Today a coach could be a "Waterloo."



AT night when Mary Queen of Scots, retired to her canopied bed, she'd have given half of her kingdom for one as soft and comfortable as that of sisters Ivadell Wade and Thelma Sutphin, "D" Shift, Textile T-8 and T-9, enjoy in their apartment on Burgess Ct. Mary's high bed was a safety hazard, too.



EARLY spinners, like others in older times, worked long hours, under poor conditions, for little pay because they could produce only a small amount with their equipment. Today, machines assist employees like Jessie Newman, "D" Shift, Inspection, produce more and earn more. Consequently, people live better.



CLOTHES that Tom and Estelle Lemons and little 7-months-old Lowell wear, are more convenient, warmer, easier to clean and longer-lasting than the gilded garments of Catherine the Great, even if they aren't as ornate and costly. Tom and Estelle are both employed here on "D" Shift, P. & S. T-8 and Textile T-9.



—THE END.

BRUISED CORRESPONDENT REPORTS ON HALLWAY ETIQUETTE

(COURTESY "THE BRIDGE")

SPONSORED BY THE MAINTENANCE AREA



LONG, broad corridors are essential in plants like ours. They are super-highways, so to speak, bearing a heavy load of traffic which passes quickly, without disturbing residents along the way. Some use these arteries for short trips from office to office; others are on longer jaunts from one part of the factory building to another; and most of us use the main corridor in the morning and evening and in going to and from the cafeteria. These hallways are wide enough, high enough, and light enough for efficient, safe travel for each of us when we wish to use them.

Believe it or not, wide as they are, high as they are, and light as they are, we still have traffic problems. The simplest rule imaginable is: "Keep to the right and keep moving." If the people who foul up our hall traffic were to drive their automobiles the way they walk corridors, National Safety Council's mechanical brains would split at the rivets.

Offenders fall fairly definitely into types. Perhaps you can recognize a friend or two in one of the following cartoons:

1. THE CORNER SCRAPER

THIS is the joker that missed something in his early training. His mother never told him about the 90 degree angle. As he approaches a turn in the corridor, he bears to the far left and literally glances off the out-jutting corner smack into the arms of some haggard executive or package-laden matron. Our boy never admits a fault and as he sails on his way he shoots one or two dirty looks at his bruised and weakened opponent.



4. THE WALTZERS

HERE is a case where two people are going in opposite directions in an empty corridor and still can't get by each other clearly. Each sees the other coming a block away, yet when they are within two or three paces of meeting—comes the dance. Both to the left, both to the right, back to the middle they go. Finally, the two cautiously ease around each other, grin sheepishly and creep on their separate ways to another partner.



2. THE LIGHT BRIGADE

MORE formidable than the right side of the Detroit Lions' forward wall, four or five of our very lovely ladies cruising arm in arm can sweep the distance between the lounge rooms and the main gate as clean as a pin. Nothing or no one can withstand the force of their offense. Try as you will, there is little recourse but to flatten against the wall and let them pass.



5. THE CORRIDOR COWBOY

AT FULL speed ahead, this hot rod cuts in and out from one lane to the next, sprinkling the course with near misses and gasps of the faint at heart. He plunges down the corridor and in and out of doors at the same rate. He's a true worshipper of the full throttle.

6. SWIVEL-HEAD CHARLIE

HERE'S a strong argument in favor of rear-vision mirrors mounted on the elbow or shoulder. Charlie spends too much time taking second looks at good looks and winds up trampling the innocent.



3. ORVILLE OBSTACLE

ORVILLE is a fellow who stops dead in his tracks when he meets a friend. He and Fred Stumblestock spot each other, pump hands, and go to conversation right square in the middle of a fast flow of heavy traffic. Others frantically seek a way around the conference, only to meet head on with more pedestrians coming around the heap from the far side. The tumultuous die is cast in this case.



SO much for our types. Perhaps they are exaggerated, perhaps not. We leave it to you to do the proving by making your own personal check the next time you set off down the corridor. See if you don't find a need for a little more hallway etiquette. Courtesy costs nothing, but it really pays us all big dividends.

Nylon Uses... MORE—THE MERRIER

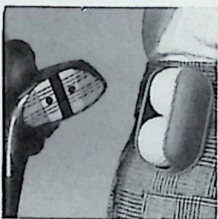


Identification tags molded of white "Zytel" nylon resin are the latest fashion note for dairy and beef cattle. Individual numbers are deeply engraved and filled in with black neoprene

synthetic rubber. Tests which left other tags bent, completely illegible, and worn through at the grommet, had almost no effect on the nylon tags, which are guaranteed to be unbreakable by the tag manufacturer. Numbers are known to often rub off of engraved metal tags.



Lightweight, non-metallic shower heads are being molded of "Zytel" nylon resin which eliminates the possibility of corrosion. Plugging of jet holes has long been a problem with conventional materials. "Zytel" has no chemical affinity for the "lime" particles found in hard water, and the smoothly molded surface of the "Zytel" offers slight opportunity for mechanical build-up of the substance in the shower head. Head's sold under the name "Nylon Maid."



Bulging pockets smooth out when the golfer carries spare balls in a new gadget called the "Putt-Pak." Clipped on the belt over the hip pocket, the holder keeps a putting ball handy

for every green. The simple design which permits balls to be removed or replaced easily, is made possible through the use of "Alathon" 10 polyethylene resin. This new resin has built-in stiffness that represents a marked improvement over previous plastic formulations.

5-YEAR SERVICE PINS

George Deatherage
John Whitlow
Richard Tatum
James Doyle, Jr.
Pauline Rakes
Bessie Peters
Laurene Suits
Estelle Woody
Belva Stone
John Pratt
John Haley
Marshall Riggs
Dennis Hodges
Aubrey Cole

Tillie Brooks
Elmer Hall
Elmer Horsley
Lawrence Moore
Ben Phillips
John Jarrell
Clenon Moran
Roy Miles
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Textile
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EMPLOYEES ORGANIZE FISHING CLUB, JANUARY 20

APPROXIMATELY 40 members of the recently organized Du Pont Fishing Club met at Lynwood on Thursday evening, January 20, to elect officers, committees and to complete organizational details.

The following officers were elected for the year 1955: President, Norman Mahon of Power; Vice President, John Exley of Textile; Secretary and Treasurer, Patsy Wingfield of Medical; Entry Chairman, Harry Daughtry of Service; Publicity Chairman, George Branham of Service.

The following were elected to the Prize Committee: Otis Disbrow, Jim Gilbert, "Bo" Wade, Buck Lambeth, Wes Shumate, Tom Davis, Ben Wingfield, J. W. "Slick" Woods, Robert Hill, Billy Haynes and Jack Coleman.

Clyde Watkins of Maintenance was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. Clyde will work with a nominating committee and the officers to select a Board of Directors who will represent each plant area.

The Secretary announced that as of January 20, the membership had ex-

ceeded 300 with new applications coming in every day.

Present plans call for a fish fry in June, at which time a \$125 boat (see below) given by Warren and Brooks will be used as a draw prize.

The Prize Committee will set up the various award categories in the near future and rules distributed to members. However, two definite rules for entries were made at the meeting: (1) fish must be caught in Virginia and North Carolina streams (2) no salt water fish may be entered.

Membership in the Club is open to families—wives, husbands and children of the Martinsville Du Pont employees. The membership fee for adults is one dollar and for children (up to 16 years of age) fifty cents.

Membership cards may be obtained from the officers, committee members or other members of the Club.

The BLENDER hopes that lovers of the sport will obtain membership NOW and make this Club—the newest to be formed for the recreational benefit of employees—a huge success for many years to come.



MORRIS BROOKS points out to Buck Lambeth, Gift Committee, certain features of the "Carolina Runabout" boat which Warren and Brooks have donated the Club for a draw prize at the June fish fry. Members of Club will have name in box for drawing. Boat is valued at \$125.

HOW SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES AFFECT YOU

The sweeping new amendments to the Social Security Act, passed in August, 1954, affect virtually every family in this area.

Effective September, 1954, monthly benefits were increased. The amended law also provides increases for persons who become eligible for benefit payments in the future. Beginning this year, the amount of covered earnings which may count toward social security will be raised from \$3,600 to \$4,200 in a year. This provision will make it possible to maintain a closer relationship between the worker's earnings and the benefits he and his family will eventually receive. Another provision in the new law permits a worker to drop out up to five years of lowest or no earnings in the figuring of his average monthly wage, on which benefit payments will be based.

The amended act also provides for the preservation of the benefit rights of the totally disabled. Under this provision a worker's earnings record can be "frozen" and he will not suffer a reduction in or loss of his benefit rights because of an extended period of no earnings due to total and prolonged disability. To be eligible for a "disability freeze" a worker must have acquired at least five years of covered work out of the last ten years before the disability began, of which at least 1½ years must have been in the 3-year period before his disability occurred.

Coverage was extended by the amendments, beginning January 1, 1955, to self-employed farm operators, professional engineers, accountants, architects, and funeral directors. Those employees

of State and local governments, excluded up to now because they were under a retirement system, may now be brought under social security. Ministers, whether employed, or self-employed, may come under the law as if they were self-employed persons. Included in this provision are Christian Science Practitioners also.

About 200,000 more domestic employees in private households will be covered by the law because of the removal of the former requirement that the domestic employee work 24 days in each calendar quarter in any one household. Here the requirement now is the payment of only \$50 cash wages by one household employer in a calendar quarter.

The old requirement that farm workers be regularly employed by one employer has been abolished. The new provision simply requires that the farm hand earn \$100 in cash wages in a calendar year from one employer.

The amended law permits employed and self-employed beneficiaries under age 72 to have earnings up to \$1,200 in a year without loss of social security payments. This applies to all earnings of any kind, whether covered by social

security or not. A beneficiary 72 or over, will be able to receive all his payments regardless of the amount he may be earning, beginning January 1, 1955. Only one month's benefit will be deducted for each additional \$80.00 earned.

There is also a provision in the amended law which affects survivors of workers who died after June 30, 1940, and before September 1, 1950, without having acquired enough covered employment to become insured under the old law. Should anyone now survive, who can qualify for a monthly payment (children under 18, widows of any age, if they have one or more dependent children under 18 in their care; 65-year-old widows, and dependent parents) and the worker has at least 6 quarters of coverage, the file can be reopened, and benefits paid. This began in 1954.

Should you desire further information about your social security, Mrs. Roxy Diggs, representative of the Danville Social Security office is in Martinsville, each Tuesday, at the City Trial Justice Court Room. Or, you may write to the office in Danville and request a definite appointment with her in Martinsville.

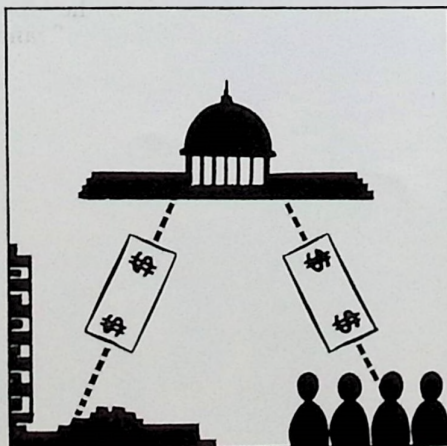
Benefits payable to those qualifying after August, 1954, are as follows:

Average Monthly Wage*	Worker's Monthly Benefit	Worker and Wife	Widow Child, etc.	Survivors Widow and One Child	Widow and Two Children
\$ 45	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.20
100	55.00	82.50	41.30	82.60	82.60
150	68.50	102.80	51.40	102.80	120.00
200	78.50	117.80	58.90	117.80	157.10
250	88.50	132.80	66.40	132.80	177.20
300	98.50	147.80	73.90	147.80	197.10
350	108.50	162.80	81.40	162.80	200.00

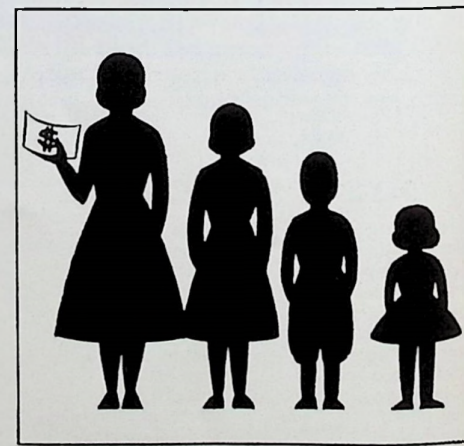
*After drop-out of up to 5 years of lowest (or no) earnings.



SOCIAL SECURITY payments to retired persons over 65 have been increased under law.



AS of January 1, the amounts the company and employees pay have both been increased,



THE survivors of persons entitled to Social Security payments now receive more money.



IRENEE du PONT, AT 77 PROVES THAT HE STILL HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology recently asked some of its graduates to submit brief sketches of their lives for publication in the "M. I. T. Technology Review," a publication for alumni. The request drew the following reply from Irenee Du Pont, 77-year-old survivor of the three famous Du Pont brothers and a member of the institute's class of 1897:

"You have asked me to write a thumbnail sketch of my accomplishments in life, and though I have not become famous it is because I have not had a Boswell.

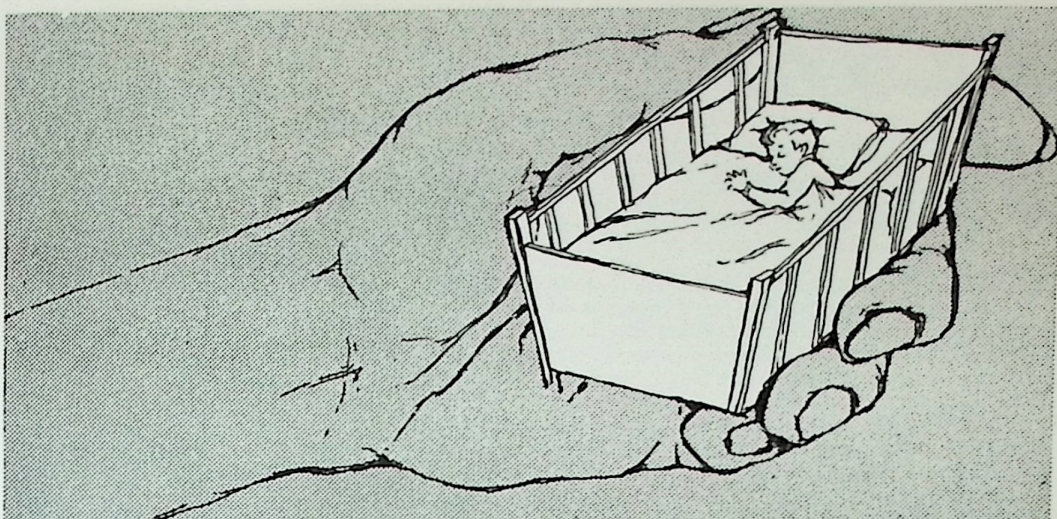
"First: I am a topnotch conservative. (a) I still demand the now old-fashioned gear change in my car, (b) I haven't a television, and (c) I haven't even gotten a divorce, after living for 54 years with the same wife.

"Second: I am unusually ultra-precocious, (a) I attended the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition of '76 six months before birth, (b) I was involved in a breach of the Sherman anti-trust law beginning six years before my birth and 20 years before the law was passed, and (c) you have now convinced me that I was the youngest man in the class of '97.

"Third: As a golf player I am unique. You will recall that I won the championship of '97 at the 40th reunion, without handicap and with a score of 97 (probably because John Barleycorn influenced my competitors).

"Fourth: Productivity record is not too unusual. Irene and I have 10 children. As a result we now have 34 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, to say nothing of a daughter-in-law, seven stalwart sons-in-law and five grandchildren-in-law. Is that not enough?"

—The Chicago Tribune



Promising Lad

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Here's the most vivid, dramatic article of its type that we've ever read. Written by James O. Trudeau, it originally appeared in "The Otis Bulletin," which is edited by Mr. Trudeau for the Otis Elevator Co. The article has since been widely reprinted in other publications.)

He was born in an antiseptic world, a world so exclusive no germ could invade its stainless steel and glass shell. A nurse's rubber-gloved hands cradled him gently, and dropped silver nitrate into his eyes to protect them against a remote threat.

Later on, he was vaccinated and inoculated against this and that. His mother took great pains to show him how to cross the street. She taught him to swim, how to care for his teeth, bought him a catcher's mask with money saved for her new hat.

His father was on the lookout, too. He sent him to the dentist regularly, called the doctor when the boy had even a slight fever, and paid the bills without so much as a sigh. When the heating system began to age and coal fumes crept into the nursery, his father wouldn't be satisfied with patching; he took another mortgage on the house to finance steam heat. Danger lurks everywhere for the young.

Perhaps you remember the boy when he was in high school. He was a big kid. Played football, good exercise when you're growing. He wore a helmet, and shoulder pads, and hip pads and special shoes. Cost a couple hundred to outfit each boy on the team, the coach said, but it was worth it. No one questioned that.

No one questioned the cost when he went off to war, either. In a war, there are many things you can't prevent. His country did everything conceivable to give him every chance, though. Once,

when he was bivouacked just outside a little town in Italy, a British soldier fingered his helmet, looked over his socks, his shoes, his warm uniform and all the rest, and said admiringly, "They certainly think a bloomin' lot of you boys!"

So he came home safely. And he was married to the girl who worried so much while he was away that she sent him three letters everyday. They moved in with his folks. Then he went back to school for a while (his father didn't mind the expense; he was just happy to have him back), studied electricity, and got a job.

His wife had it all planned, and when the baby came she said, "When he's president of the company, you'll be a Congressman, son." Such were the things he lived for and worked for and studied for.

On the job, they gave him a hard hat to protect his head, protective glasses, gloves, helped him get shoes with steel in them to protect his feet. His foreman said, "Now keep your eyes open and your head on your shoulders. Don't listen to show-offs. Working up here isn't dangerous unless you make it dangerous. When you fly a plane, you use different rules than when you drive your car. It's the same up here. Just do your job and follow our rules and you won't get hurt."

Well, he was an experienced field mechanic when it happened. The details are simple enough; he acted without thinking, and he fell.

All those people died with him, if you want to be honest about it—his wife, his closest friends. They protected him, everybody in his world protected him, but sadly, he failed to protect himself.

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EMPLOYEES in Section IV, "A" Shift, Textile T-9 are now 100% owners and wearers of safety shoes. First row (l. to r.): Elizabeth Gray, Jane Tuggle, Nancy Slate, Laura Barrow, Louise Radford, Margaret Young, Esma Mills, Forelody; (Second row): Rachel Johnson, Rachel Brown, Erma Greear, Dot Brooks, Helen O'Dell, Avlyn Grindstaff; (Back row): Claude Denny, Supervisor; Frances Lewis, Irene Varner, Doris Wade, Reva Montgomery, Sadie Collins. Congratulations to you for becoming "wise owls!"



(LEFT TO RIGHT): Cpl. Claro Broce, "C" Shift Textile is now stationed with the H. & S. Battalion in Norfolk; Paul Turner, returned to job 1/7/55 after serving in Japan 17 months with the 6400th Air Depot Wing; Caleb Adkins returned January 5 after serving three years in the Navy; Ruth Nelson of Purchasing who was recently elected the Service Group safety leader for '55. She succeeds Tom Chapman.



15-Year Pin
WILMER NOBLE
Production Control



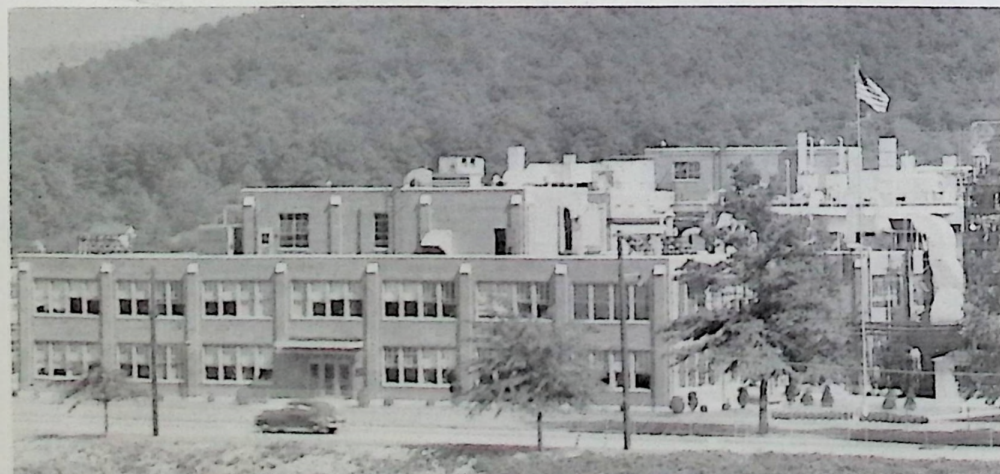
10-Year Pin
GEORGE REID
Service



SCENES at the recent dedication exercises at North Martinsville's Clearview School. (Left to Right): Harold Cumberland, school's principal; Homer Barger, Calvin Martin, Power; John Richardson, Project; and Mrs. William Rinker. They are treasurer, vice-president, president and secretary respectively of school's P. T. A. Our congratulations.



FOREMAN Louis Koogler congratulates Weldon Wood, Pipefitters, on receiving an award check for suggesting way to improve valve repair. He has had several adopted from those submitted since he was employed here.



THE BENDER LABORATORY in Waynesboro completed 25 years without a major injury on January 1. The Laboratory's 262 employees worked 9,130 calendar days—6,247,500 exposure hours to achieve the fine mark. The "BLENDER" adds its congratulations to many hundreds of others Benger has received.

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .

RINGS

Winifred Johnson, Textile, and Arliss Gibbs, Bassett, Va.
 Goldie Peters, Textile, and James Prillaman, Henry, Va.
 Geneva Blue, Textile, and Wallace Barker, Danville, Va.
 Patti Blair, Textile, and "Boots" Whitt, Danville, Va.
 Joyce Lineberry, Textile, and Fay Surrath, Hillsville, Va.
 Betty Coulson, Textile, and Frank Harris, Fieldale, Va.
 Ingles Morris, Textile, and Bob Hill, Fieldale, Va.

RIDE

Geneva A. Carico, Textile, to Jack Davis, Collinsville, Va.
 Thelma R. Eagle, P. T. Lab., to Johnie Southard, Martinsville, Va.
 Artie Plasters, Textile, to Thomas Milton, U. S. Navy.
 Joy Riggs, Textile, to Wayne McMillion, Martinsville, Va.
 Sylvia Thompson, Textile, to Meredith Patterson, Leaksville, N. C.
 Essie J. Bridges, Textile, to John B. Martin, Bassett, Va.
 Barbara E. Earles, Textile, to Harold Garrett, Callands, Va.

RATTLES

Genevieve Craddock, Textile, a son, David Buren, January 21, 1955.
 Ethel Smart, Textile, a son, January 16.
 Clara Pruitt, Textile, twin boys, January 7.
 Josephine Stone, Textile, a son, Robert Edward, Jr., January 4.
 Bob Gilbert, Maintenance, a son, January 5.
 Willie Brooks, Service, a son, David Wayne, January 16.
 Virginia and Art Matson, Records and Power, a daughter, Patricia Ann, January 16.
 Annie Lee Mitchell, Tabulating, a daughter, Nellie Susan, January 22.
 Carline C. Scott, Stenographic, a daughter, Linda Joy, January 12.
 Julian Coleman, Maintenance, a son, Richard Steven, January 13.
 Jim and Myra Souther, P. & S. and Textile, a son, Douglas Lee, January 11.

Robert C. Hutchens, Project, a daughter, Lou Anne, December 29.

Clay E. McDaniel, Project, a daughter, Janice Marie, January 12.

Alice and James Lawrence, Textile and P. & S., a son, James Allen, January 19.

Ernest Wagoner, P. & S., a son, Paul Douglas, January 24.

John Coleman, P. & S., a daughter, Vicki Denise, December 1.

James and Nancy Rieson, Power and Inspection, a daughter, Teresa Lynn, January 9.

Bill Holt, Process, a son, Michael Pierce, December 19.

Russ Pound, Process, a daughter, Deborah Jane, December 16.

Pearlie Adkins, Textile, a son, Alvin Eugene, Jr., August 30.

Mary Ann Nichols, Textile, a son, Bobby, Jr., December 30.

Fred Robertson, Maintenance, a son, Donald Leon, January 18.

Sympathy

In Memoriam



BEN W. HANCOCK

THE plant personnel was saddened on January 11 to learn of the death of a fellow-employee—Benjamin W. Hancock.

Ben came to work with us as a helper in 1948 and at the time of his death was a millwright in the Project Group.

During his years here he made many friends with his ready smile and friendliness. All of us will miss him.

The BLENDER extends to his bereaved family and friends its deepest sympathy.

Woodrow Crenshaw in the death of his infant daughter.

Frances Brown in the death of her brother-in-law Louise Harbour in the death of her sister.

Frances Carter in the death of her mother.

Nannie Ruth Young in the death of her aunt.

Lillian Anderson in the death of her uncle.

Doris Amos in the death of her uncle.

Myra Southern in the death of her mother.

Webster Martin in the death of his uncle.

Pete Weatherford in the death of his father.

Roy Martin in the death of his mother-in-law.

Wayne Stevens in the death of his grandmother.

Beatrice Gilley in the death of her mother-in-law.

Evie Morris in the death of her father.

Carlton Walker in the death of his father.

Clyde Watkins in the death of his father-in-law.

Lucy Matherly in the death of her father.

Vanilia Martin in the death of her mother.

Chris Hager in the death of her uncle.

Ira C. McGhee in the death of her uncle.

Frank Divers in the death of his aunt.

Bessie English in the death of her father.

George Pendleton in the death of his brother-in-law.

Jeanette Mitchell in the death of her uncle.

Katie Johnson in the death of her uncle.

Nannie Ruth Simmons in the death of her uncle.

Elva Gray in the death of her grandfather.

Janette Plybon in the death of her grandfather.

Casteen Davis in the death of her brother-in-law.

Gertrude McAlexander in the death of her uncle.

A. S. Boyer in the death of his sister-in-law.

Nellie Joyce in the death of her nephew.

Janie Giles in the death of her mother.

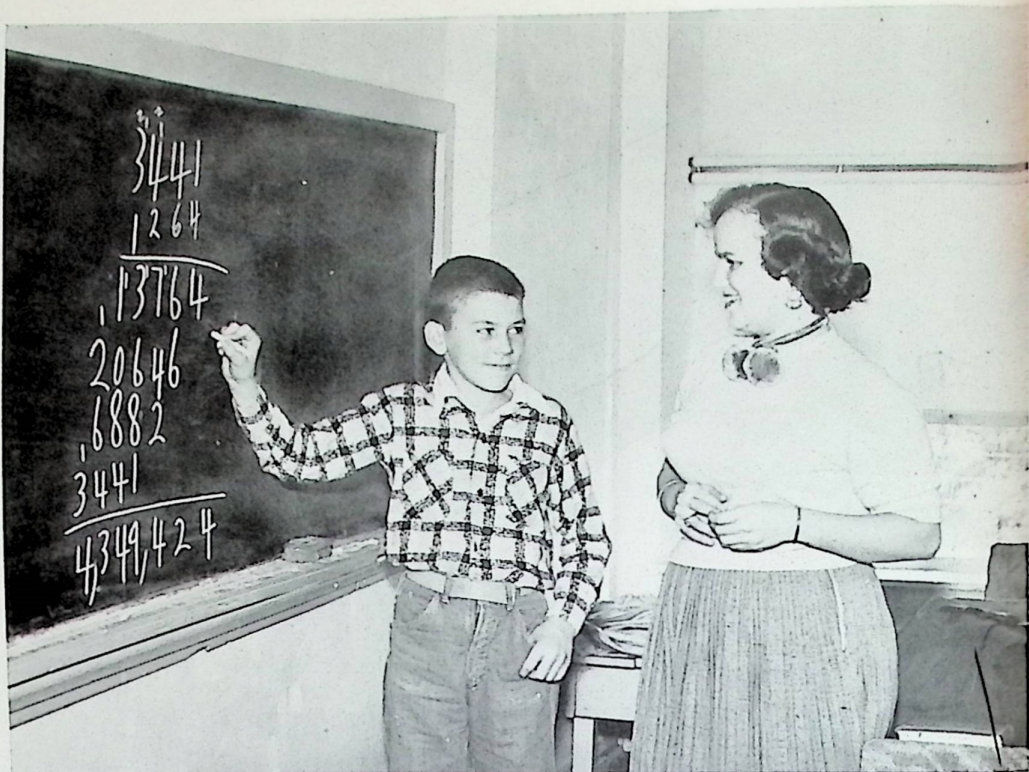
Harry McGuire in the death of his sister.

NEW REPORTERS



(LEFT TO RIGHT): Nancy Hall, Design Group, replacing Lewis Lyon, Jr.; Barbara Bolejack, "C" Shift, Inspection, replacing Treva Miles; Ina DeHart, "B" Shift, Textile T-8, replacing Belva Stone; Charlie Baughan, "B" Shift, P. & S., replacing Gerard Draper; Polly Jones, Cafeteria, replacing Katherine Wallace; Octavia Perkinson, Stores, replacing Polly Prillaman. We welcome all of them to the BLENDER staff and say "thanks" to those who have done such a faithful job of reporting for us in the past.

"Next Problem Please..."



"Look what I just multiplied," sixth-grader Buford Allen Barbour who makes his home with Johnny Cooper, Carpenter Shop, proudly proclaims to his teacher, Miss Dana Quesinberry of Hardin Reynolds School at Critz. "That's the biggest problem I ever solved. What's the next one?"

The next problem for Buford is even bigger. But, as he progresses, new knowledge he acquires will help him solve it.

It's the same way with the nation's technology. In 50 years, applied scientific knowledge has solved big problems and provided Americans with the highest standards of living known in the whole world.

But scientists tell us that inventive ingenuity has barely begun to exploit the possibilities for improving man's lot. Foreseen in the future are increased productivity in industry and agriculture, immense forward strides in the conquest of disease, control of atomic and solar energy, new kinds of clothing, metals, building materials and transportation.

For, like Buford, technology always focuses its attention on "the next problem." If it is left free and unfettered, is stimulated and encouraged, few predictions of the future welfare of this country will be sweeping enough to live up to the facts as they develop. Let's encourage it wherever we can do so!



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING —THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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THE COVER

THE BLENDER congratulates all those loyal employees who made the 1955 Red Cross Drive one of the most successful in the history of our plant. This fine contribution will go far in assisting people all over the world. Also, we tip our hats to coordinators and solicitors for their fine work (approximately \$3,550 was collected).

That Other Flag

AT the American National Red Cross building in Washington, a block from the White House, two flags fly side by side—The Stars and Stripes, and the Red Cross flag of mercy. These two flags are as inseparable in national emergencies as on the battlefield.

A Washington newspaper recently called the Red Cross "Old Reliable", going on to say, "When war erupts . . . or when nature goes on a rampage, Americans turn instinctively to their Red Cross . . . but people's memories fade in days of peace and the organization has a tough time collecting its funds."

The Red Cross made its annual appeal in the name of humanity. When you helped your local chapter arrange an emergency leave from military service and when you made possible the continuation of the blood program for soldiers, adults civilians and children alike, you did the neighborly thing that you would do in person if you were close to the problem or on the scene of the disaster.

The "Blender" wishes to congratulate you for making the 1955 drive one of the most successful in the history of our plant. Yes, you have assured the Red Cross invaluable aid for disaster, illness or accident and your donation is appreciated by your local chapter and thousands of grateful people all over America.

Our Company's Annual Report

WHO has the greater interest in the financial condition of our company—the more than 85,000 employees . . . or the more than 149,000 stockholders (owners) who invested their savings in the company? We believe that both groups are equally interested. That is why, each year, we feature the highlights of this financial condition.

Again this March, we present the company's annual report, and we have endeavored to picture it in a manner that all can easily understand. We urge you to study it carefully and often so that you may know how your company stands.

Looking To The Future

IF there is doubt in anyone's mind about our company's confidence in the future, it cannot help but be erased after reading the 1954 Annual Report which has just been issued.

Last year the company spent approximately \$119 million to improve and expand existing facilities and to build new plants and laboratories. Projects for 1955, approved or contemplated, indicate a construction expenditure about equal to that of 1954, fourth highest in Du Pont's history.

This is concrete evidence that those who direct the activities of the company are looking ahead with confidence. They believe that the free enterprise system which has resulted in such amazing progress for our country in the past will continue to be just as fruitful in the future. They believe that man's appetite for a more abundant life has not been fulfilled, and that the continued research for new horizons and the development of existing products must be continued by industry.

1954 ANNUAL REPORT



Record Production and Sales Highlights of 1954 Report by President Greenwalt

AT the close of each year, all businesses—large and small—audit their books to obtain a complete picture of the year's transactions. How much did they make or lose? How much went for materials, payrolls, taxes? How much was it necessary to set aside for the future?

Du Pont's Annual Report which is released each year in March to the company's stockholders—more than 149,000 of them as of December 31, 1954 not only answers questions like those above, but also gives account of new products, new construction, employee relations, etc. In a sense, it is the instrument panel which shows our "running condition." Thus, we can all

readily see that the Report is the company's most important publication. Yet, it is, too often, one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted publications of any industry.

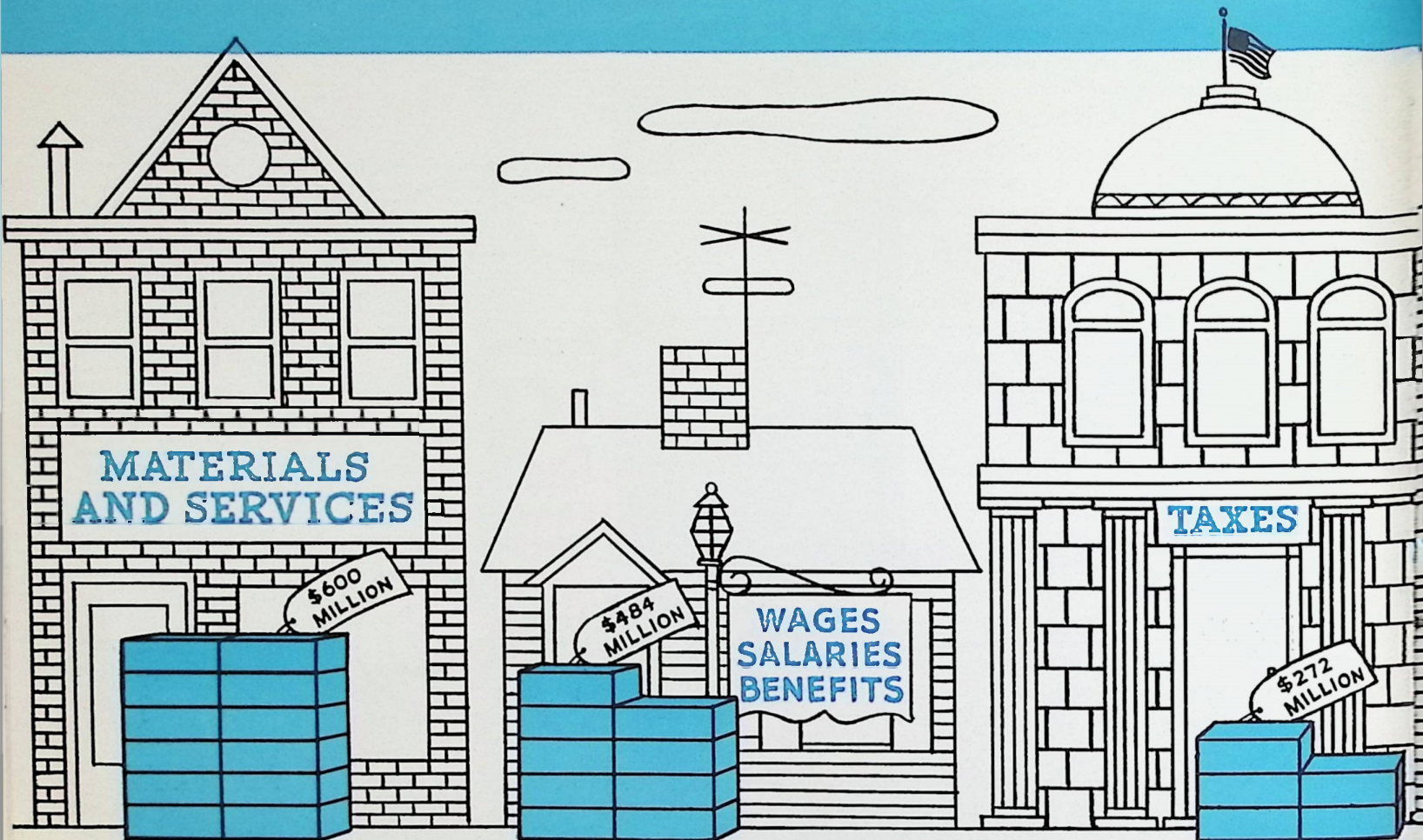
As a measure of performance, our company's financial report is really no different than the budget of income and expense that any of us might draw up for ourselves. Under any form or under any name a business is essentially a simple thing. It supplies goods or services which people want, and in return, is paid for what it supplies. Out of what it receives, it pays its expenses for raw materials and wages; it pays its taxes, puts something aside to replace things that wear out and tries to

save a bit for rainy days. Isn't that just what each of us tries to do in our own business adventures?

Because the publication is so often misunderstood, THE BLENDER has attempted on this, and the next two pages, to interpret the 1954 Report as simply as possible by a series of cartoons. We are sure you will profit from a careful study of it, for from it you will gain a greater understanding of the company in which you are an active partner. As you study it, we believe you will share with us a renewed pride in our company's past as well as an increased awareness of its future opportunities.

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DELIVERED DOWN THE



Du Pont has to buy a lot of things to operate a company its size. The largest share of the 1954 Operating Income Dollar—35.1 cents—went to purchase goods and services. The number of suppliers for our plant alone is over 1,800. Of this number, 75 are local small businesses from whom we purchase more than \$25,000 worth of materials a month the year around. All plants do the same.

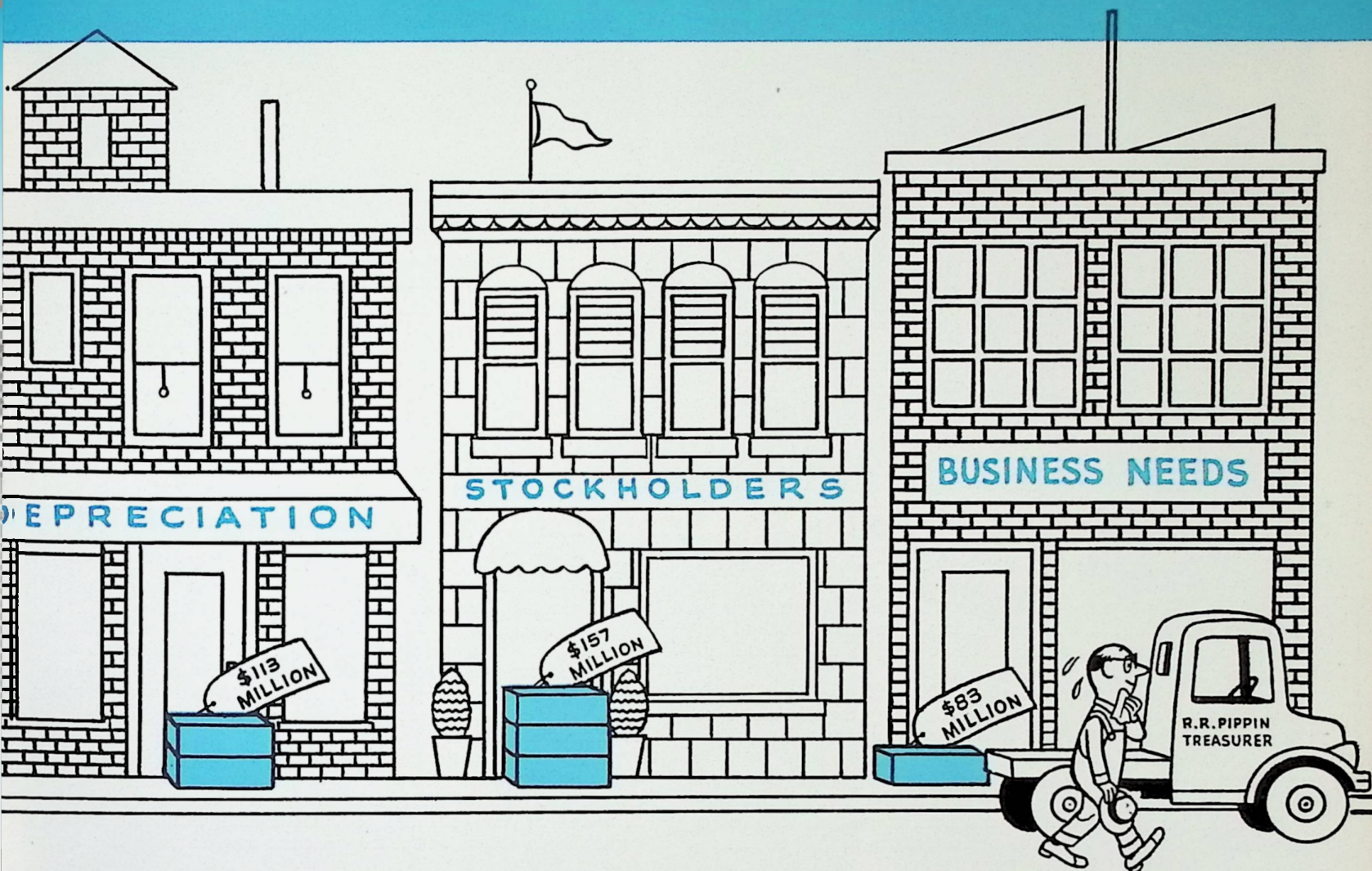
The second largest share of the 1954 Operating Income Dollar—28.3 cents—went to the employees. Included in this total were several million dollars set aside for the company's many benefit plans. In effect, each employee received a substantial degree of added security from the company's provisions for pensions, disability wages, the various insurance and very liberal welfare plans.

The third largest chunk of the 1954 Operating Income Dollar—15.9 cents—went to pay the various taxes businesses must pay. The largest single levy in this mounting cost of production is, of course, the federal income tax bill. Property, transportation, sales, gasoline and many other company taxes are very similar to the ones each of us must face personally year after year throughout our lives.

LINE

During 1954, our bosses—the customers—liked our products and services so well sales remained at a high level. They were only 50 million less than the high record of 1953. However, all of this money had to be accounted for, and a study of the cartoons below will give you a quick, “bird’s eye view” of where the money went.

The sales record reflects another significant point that should make all of us proud of our company: An enviable record for quality and services to thousands of customers and a effort to live up to the slogan: “Better Things For Better Living . . . Through Chemistry.”



One of the big costs of doing business is replacing tools and equipment that wear out. And the cost of wear and tear always “inches up” a bit each year as plants become older. If our company, or any company, failed to set aside money to replace these tools, the people who use them would be out of jobs. This cost took 6.6 cents out of everyone of the 1954 Operating Income Dollars.

More than 149,000 stockholders—the real owners of our business—received 9.2 cents of every 1954 Operating Income Dollar. The company’s stockholders come from all walks of life: housewives, doctors, laborers, merchants and many of our own employees. These people provide the tools we work with and it is only right for them to expect a fair return on the money they invest each year in our company.

In any business, money has to be set aside for future needs. The 4.9 cents of every 1954 Operating Income Dollar retained helps provide job security and to keep our company in a strong competitive position. The money was appropriated for new installations, machinery, equipment, expansion, etc., that is always necessary for a vigorous and growing company such as Du Pont has proved since 1802.



ADAPTABILITY TO NEW METHODS:

FIRMS still in business after 100 years were among the first to adopt new technological aids, new equipment and new production methods. The new trackmobile operated here by Paul Priddy, "D" Shift, P. & S. T-8, is an example, since it replaced cables, the drifting of cars, etc.



CONSTANT RESEARCH:

CONTRACT RESEARCH directed to improving products and upping quality, or bringing to light new products, was the second prime characteristic of century-old firms. Margaret Carter is one of the Process chemists who work unceasingly to give our customers better quality.

HOW TO STAY IN BUSINESS OVER 100 YEARS

Successful Companies Follow Five Principles That Have Proven Infallible

Like Du Pont, founded in 1802, a number of American firms have been in business for a century or more. They are found not only in Philadelphia, Charleston, Cleveland, Baltimore and other big cities, but in smaller communities across the nation. In Boston alone, there are 265 of these companies, and in New York, there are 288.

Survival for a century is no accident. Competition in the U. S. market quickly penalizes a company that is static or inefficient. What, then, is the success formula of a business which remains hardy after 100 years?

To find the answer to this question, the magazine, "Nation's Business," recently surveyed a representative sampling of 100-year-old companies to see if successful operations followed a pattern. The firms ranged from silversmiths to drug manufac-

turers. When it analyzed its findings, the magazine learned that no matter how much the products of the firm differed, all of the companies had lived by five cardinal principles.

These five principles are: (1) Quick adaptability to new methods, products and materials; (2) Constant research toward better and even dissimilar products; (3) Adherence to the theory of mass production, low profit margin and wide distribution; (4) Liberal labor and employee policies; and (5) Contribution to the community.

Adherence to these principles spells success for a plant as well as a company. When we examine our plant, we discover that it aptly meets the test measuring the chances of success. A review of our activities provides a demonstration of these principles in action, as the five pictures on this page illustrate.



MASS PRODUCTION:

THE third characteristic of long-lived firms was found to be the mass-production of a low-cost quality product rather than a luxury one few can afford. Shown here with buggies of nylon is Gracie Moles of "D" Shift, Textile Type-9.



LIBERAL EMPLOYEE POLICIES:

GOOD pay, fair treatment, employee benefit plans, were among factors cited as the fourth characteristic of 100-year firms. Julia Hundley, "D" Shift, T-9 Textile, displays folders on a few of the more than a dozen liberal Du Pont plans.



CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY:

LISTED number five as basic to long-term firms is headlined above. Our people give time and effort to scores of activities and contribute liberally to drives as note placard held by Willie Caldwell, and Murray Bryant, Project.

FAMILY TEAMS AT WORK

How many family relation combinations would you guess are connected with the Martinsville Nylon Plant? Ten - fifty - a hundred? We don't know off-hand either, but the total number would probably surprise you. To trace them down would be a good workout for a battery of IBM machines to tackle.

THE BLENDER could not hope to feature every family combination here, but we have covered typical relationships which occur throughout the plant. We had nearly everything handy to choose from: father—son, father—daughter, husband—wife, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts, brothers-in-law and maybe even a few mother-in-law situations somewhere.

In a few instances, we have as many as six or seven members of the same family employed here. And just as families team to perform their jobs, each Du Pont employee carries out his share of responsibility, relying on each fellow-worker in the quest for a higher quality product, and in the end analysis, more security.



FATHER-DAUGHTERS: Evelyn France, Tabulating, shows her father, Bill Turner, Power, a sample of her Tabulating Office work, while sister, Phyllis Prillaman, Order and Invoice, looks on. Each has been employed several years.



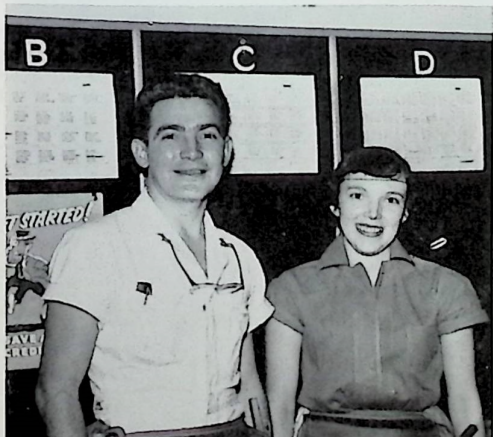
MOTHER-SON: Gladys Robertson of Spinneret Manufacturing and Warren, Production Control.



BROTHER-SISTER: Vance Fulcher, P. & S., and Mary Jackson, Textile, chat in Textile Area.



FATHER-SON: Thurman Painter, P. & S. Maint., and Walter, Textile Maintenance.



HUSBAND-WIFE: Don and Iva Donaldson, "B" Shift Textile, are among several such teams.



SISTERS: Nola Nichols, Day Relief, Insp.—Lola Martin, Textile. Each has several years' service.



BROTHERS: William, Fougles, Grover Dudley, Service. They have been with us several years.



STONEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE HOME TOWN OF 50 DU PONT EMPLOYEES



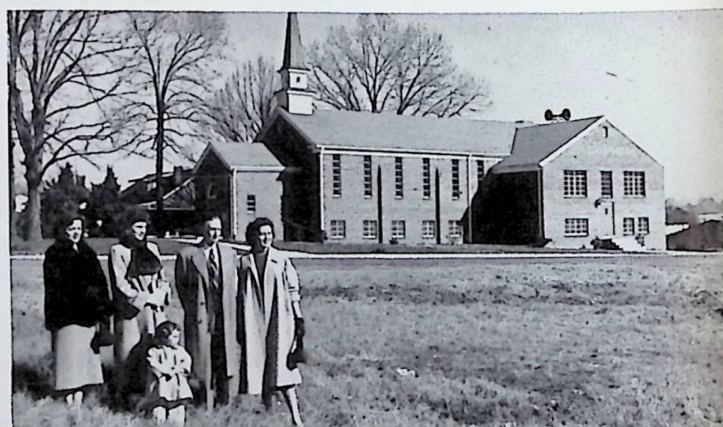
ON U. S. Route 220, 18 miles south of Martinsville in Western Rockingham County, N. C., is the beautiful Town of Stoneville. Here one may view the rolling hills in every direction and the higher peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distance.

The town, first known as Stone's Crossroads, had its beginning in 1857 when two brothers, Frank J. and Pinkney Stone bought a square mile of land on which they built and operated a general store. The town was incorporated as Stoneville in 1906. The chief industries

are tobacco warehouses, a large furniture manufacturing plant and two thriving textile plants.

Stoneville is a small town (approximately 800 citizens) and proud of it. It is forward-looking, hospitable and well-ordered. In 1952, the town council reduced the tax rate to 50 cents per \$100 valuation—believed to be the lowest in the entire state.

THE BLENDER proudly salutes this fine community presided over by its friendly Mayor, Robert B. Stone, a merchant and a grandson of one of the town's founders.



(TOP PICTURE): Town's water tank which can be seen for miles around. In 1953 a third well was dug which with older wells gives town an abundance of water.

(ABOVE): Mildred Grogan, "C" Shift Inspection, Romona Grogan and Cora Dodson, "C" Shift, Textile, T-8, pictured crossing main street (U. S. 220, looking south).

(ABOVE RIGHT): Mayor Robert B. Stone and girls near the Stoneville Christian Church. Present building was completed in 1953. A church-going community, town has eight other churches—four for white and four for colored.

(RIGHT): With 1,100 pupils, Stoneville High is largest school in Rockingham County. Mildred and daughter, Pamela Dianne, age 2, pose on east side of structure.





THE Stoneville Furniture Company which was organized in 1933, manufactures breakfast tables and chairs (samples on left). The plant gives employment to 200 local, nearby citizens.



150 ARE employed by the Baxter-Kelly and Faust Co., weavers of plush and upholstery. Company is extensive user of Du Pont rayon. (Left) Mrs. H. L. Pratt shows Cora Dodson one of the loom operations in the new plant.



(ABOVE, LEFT): Doris Brown, operator of town's leading beauty parlor, gives Ramona's hair a final touch while Cora and Mildred look on. Parlor is on town's main street.



(ABOVE): Pictured (L. to R.) Mayor Stone, Ramona, H. G. ("Windy") McCall, one of town's two policemen, and Cora. Mr. Stone, a third generation merchant, is serving his third term as mayor. He is also a collector of coins.



(LEFT): Cora and Ramona display pairs of women's slacks and boys' dungarees which are made by the local Eanes Manufacturing Plant. Organized in 1945, plant hires 101 employees. Mr. Eanes is a former resident of our city.

— THE END.

IT'S LOTS OF FUN IN THE LOCAL KINDERGARTENS

Four and Five-Year-Old Youngsters Play and Learn Under the Guidance of Well-Trained and Understanding Directors

KINDERGARTEN which means "Children's Garden" was coined in the 1800's by a German, Friedrich Froebel, and consequently, he became known as the father of the movement.

The first kindergarten in the United States was established in 1856 at Watertown, Wis., by Mrs. Carl Schurz, a pupil of Froebel's, for German-speaking children. The first public kindergarten was in St. Louis in 1873.

A typical local kindergarten is the Wee Wisdom directed by Mrs. W. R. (Virginia) Critz at her home on Rives Road since 1947. Mrs. Critz, who has been "at the game" since 1932 when she started in Danville at the Wesley Community House, permitted THE BLENDER to photograph a typical morning's activity. Story-telling, identification of pictures, learning to work with others, watering plants, music and art appreciation, keeping the room in order, "snack time," playing in a rhythm band and outside play were all "on the menu".

Another group activity is to visit the local parks, fire station, post office, railroad station, etc.

The amazing thing to THE BLENDER staff was the orderliness with which the program was carried out. Every child knew his place and obeyed every order. This should assure every parent that the child's happy kindergarten experience will give him a good attitude toward learning that will last through later life. Yes, even today Froebel's principles are carried out:

"The things a child can make
May crude and worthless be;
It is his impulse to create
That should ever gladden thee."



MRS. CRITZ getting story identification from (left to right) Laura Pratt, Jim Rothrock and Betty Stokes. Children are also taught to identify various countries from pictures. School is held in the basement of home, 9 a. m. until noon, Monday through Friday.



(LEFT): Bill Sater enjoying himself on one of the several swings used by the children during the outdoor play period.



(RIGHT): David Bowles and Larry Morrison find the Critz sand box a boy's delight. Mrs. Critz has provided many toys for both boys and girls. Surrounding woods are explored on the nature-study days.

(RIGHT): Stan Finney poses beside bird-feeding tree erected by Mrs. Critz and children during recent snow. Pieces of bread are tied on branches.



(LEFT): The steel climbing gym is another favorite of the children. A few sessions on this each morning builds real muscles. Here the camera caught (left to right from bottom): "Hy" Sater, Bill Sater, Larry Morrison, Robert Owen and Dudley Fulton at their exercise.





EACH morning children are given a real lesson on Americanism when they line up to give the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States." Each child has learned pledge—a tribute to Mrs. Critz.



SCENE during kindergarten's 1954 Christmas Pageant. Parents of children agree that it was one of the most colorful and impressive that they ever witnessed. Every child had a part in the splendid production.



THE 1954-55 Kindergarten Class: Botton Row (L. to R.): "Skeeter" Adkins, "Kit" Scales, Aubrey Gerlaugh, C. R. Shelburne, Jr., Bill Sater. (Second Row): Bobby Draper, Page Connelly, Marie Moorefield, Bernie Watts, Shelley Frith, Will Gravely. (Third Row): Joanne Reid, Bruce Robinson, Robert Owen, Laura Pratt, Betty Stokes, Cathy Simmons, Ruthie Hurd. (Back Row): David Bowles, Larry Morrison, Dudley Fulton, Stanford Finney, "Hy" Sater, Jim Rothrock, Andy Beckner.



(LEFT TO RIGHT): Page Connelly, son of Al Connelly, Safety Supervisor, and C. R. Shelburne, Jr., son of "Skeeter" Shelburne, Shift Supervisor, P. & S., posed in their caps and gowns. They will be graduated in May and enter school in the fall.

MARGARET SCOTT HOOKER, MRS. P. T. MORRIS, JR., DIRECT TWO OTHER GROUPS



MISS HOOKER'S "Playtime" kindergarten was photographed during the Christmas season and a birthday party. Class is conducted at her home on Brown Street. Kindergarten schedule is about same as Mrs. Critz's.



MRS. MORRIS also has class at her home on Mulberry Extension. She is wife of P. T. Morris, Jr., P. & S. Maintenance. This picture was also made during Christmas. Mrs. Morris has taught many youngsters.

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

THAT, according to the Book of Genesis, was Cain's cynical reaction to a query about his brother whom he had brutally slain.

In other words, what happened to someone else was no concern of Cain's.

Imagine what would happen to our safety program if Cain's "devil take the hindmost" philosophy prevailed—if, for example, each person ignored his responsibility for helping his co-workers to avoid an injury.

Tragedy would be a daily occurrence, for we'd have several hundred Egos, each concentrating on self-preservation at the expense of others.

No one would be safe.

Just as each team member must depend on his co-workers to do their part in manufacturing a quality product, so each depends upon the other to make the Martinsville Nylon Plant a safe one.

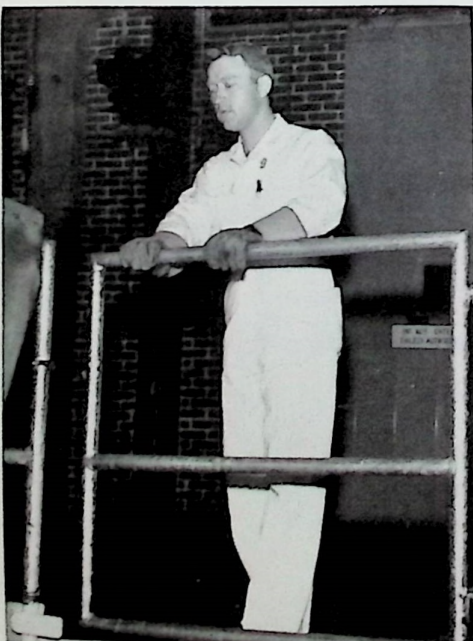
While we all agree to the principle, we sometimes neglect to put into practice this principle. The result is that an injury occurs to "the next person who comes along." Let's all follow the example of the P. & S. men on this page and sincerely become "our brother's keeper."



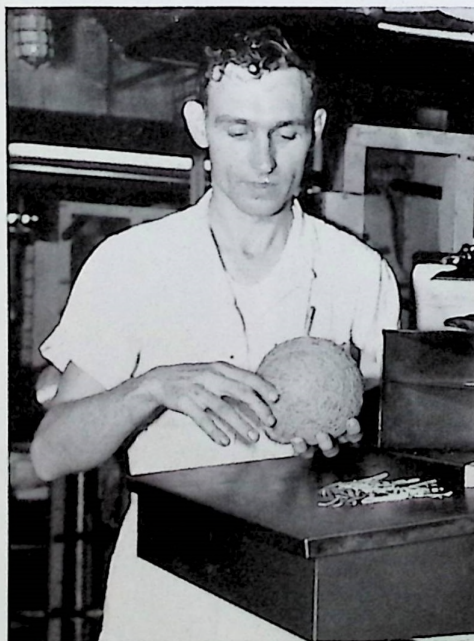
HOWARD CORNS, "D" Shift, P. & S. T-9, neatly stacking pack holders to prevent them from falling on a fellow-worker—example of being a "brother's keeper." This can be practiced in all areas.



AN example of making things safe for "the next fellow who comes along" is shown by Clarence Oakley, "D" Shift, P. & S. T-9, as he places wet floor signs before mopping. This practice would work well in homes to prevent injuries.



DAVIS PAGANS, "D" Shift, P. & S. Type-9, like all P. & S. personnel, is trained to keep the gates on the third floor railing closed to prevent others from falling to the floor below.



SEVERAL months ago, fellow-workers of Howard Huff, "D" Shift, P. & S. T-9, began bringing him doff ticket rubber bands picked up off floors, and with them he has made ball he holds.



TO prevent injury to another worker, James Chapman, "D" Shift, P. & S. T-9, is wisely, taping a chipped bobbin which he has discovered on one of the many spinning area buggies.



CURIOSITY of many men like Stan Cobb, leads the way to better production methods.



WISDOM such as the factor checking of Dolly Todd, Inspection, surely warrants our curiosity.



LILLIAN MERCHANT, P. T. Lab, displays initiative that companies need from employees.

C I W I *

(Curiosity

Imagination

Wisdom

Initiative)*

There is no word in the dictionary that adequately defines the energizing spirit that must flow through all levels of a business organization if that business is to constantly improve its position in America's competitive economy. So we have coined a word. It is **CIWI**—which represents the ingredients needed to formulate success for the future.

CURIOSITY, that restless, searching desire to find new answers must be an important part of our make-up. Curiosity can lead the way to better production methods and can unlock new chemical secrets. We need continuing curiosity about costs and waste, new markets and customer appetites. For once we stop searching for new answers, we can soon stop looking for orders.

IMAGINATION—Today's modern miracles were born in the imaginations of Edison, DeForrest, the Wright brothers, Kettering and others.

It was Kettering who wrote, "As I look back over the years, it is pretty much of a definite law that man is so constituted as to see what is wrong with a new thing, not what is right . . . even though the rightness is seen, the new field, the great possibilities that the new idea opens up will not be visualized. That is because not one man in a thousand has imagination". We must constantly ward off the human habit of rejecting the new idea. Today's ideas are tomorrow's profits. Think twice before you say, "It can't be done."

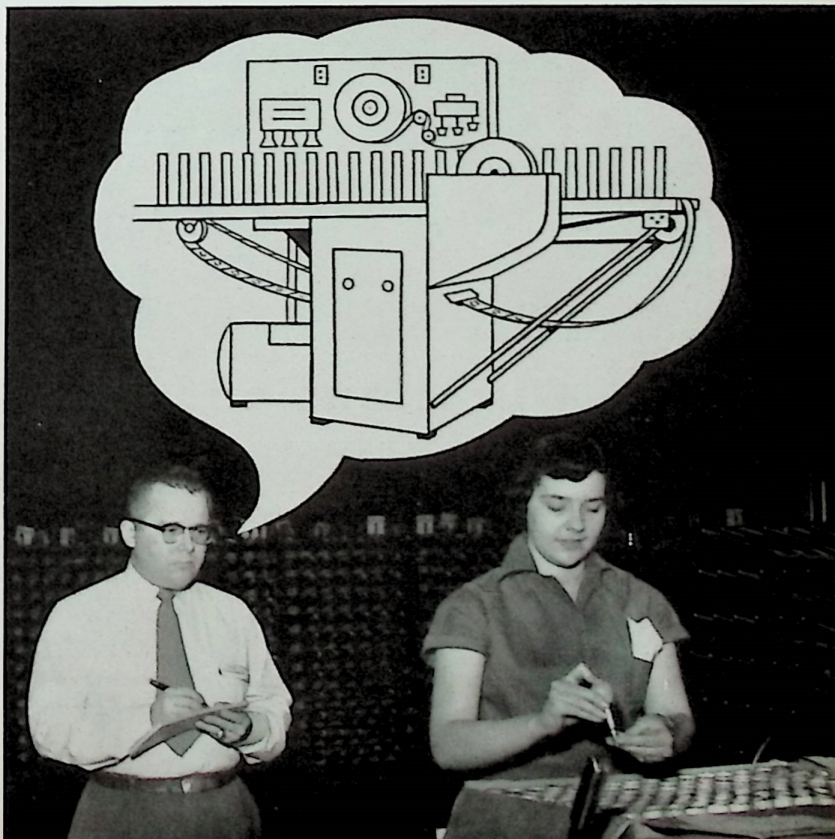
WISDOM is needed to temper our curiosity and imagination. For judgment born of wisdom provides the direction and practical thinking necessary to the success of any venture. We need the vision to recognize those things which need to be changed and the wisdom to live with those things which

cannot be changed.

INITIATIVE is the self-starting fuse that sets off the drive and enthusiasm necessary to every phase of company progress. The world's best idea is doomed to failure unless enough ambitious human energy is devoted to keep it rolling.

So these are the qualities we must develop within ourselves, for the continued leadership of our company is dependent on the curiosity, imagination, wisdom and initiative of its people.

IMAGINATION of men like "Lively" Livengood, M. & P., who studies Lois Prillaman's pirn prep job, has led to many needed improvements.



NEWS

THE Greensboro Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management met at our plant on February 3. After a welcome by Plant Manager, Don Hartford, the group heard chart talks, saw the film, "The Du Pont Story", toured plant and had dinner at Lynwood Club.



CONGRATULATIONS TO (L. to R.): John Engle, "C" Shift Supervisor, P. & S. T-9, Joe Williams, "A" Shift Supervisor, P. & S. T-8, Jim Eanes, "A" Shift, Power. John and Joe were recently promoted to Captains in the local Air Force Reserve while Jim was promoted from A/2c to A/1c. The unit formed in '53, meets on first, second and fourth Tuesdays at local high school. Ed Rockett, M. & P., commands unit. Volunteers are wanted for the unit. Get details from members.



(L. TO R.): Lindbergh Compton and Roy Adams, who returned from Military Service since the last "Blender". Lindbergh spent 20 months in the Army while Roy, finished four-year term in the Air Force, a year of which was in Korea. We welcome them back to Martinsville.



BILL CRISS, "B" Shift Supervisor Textile T-8, turns Area Safety Log over to "C" Shift Supervisor, Jim Dallas, 1955 Area Safety Leader. Bill has been leader for a two-year period and during his term of office plant injuries for his area dropped 30%. Congratulations, Bill, on this very fine area record.

JUDY ANNE PANKOVICH, 12-year-old daughter of John Pankovich, Inspection, recently won top honors in the Collinsville Bland Memorial Music Scholarship elimination contest with a piano selection. She will appear in a zone contest to try for district honors.



Questions and Answers About Our Company

Question: What will be the final cost of the Savannah River atomic energy project?

Answer: It is estimated that the ultimate cost of the project will be around \$1.3 billion in government funds. Du Pont's fee, however, will be ONE DOLLAR. Du Pont, at the request of the government, designed, built and is now operating the plant for the government for the production of fissionable and fusible material vitally important to the defense and security of the United States.

Question: How much is the chemical industry

investing in new plants and equipment?

Answer: It is estimated that in 1955, for the fifth successive year, the chemicals and allied products industry will spend more than \$1 billion for new plants and equipment. Heavy capital investment is a prime characteristic of this fast-growing industry. This investment results not only in new and improved products but in new and better jobs.

Question: Does the American chemical industry face competition from foreign chemical manufacturers?

Answer: Yes. Vigorous rivals confront U. S. producers of dyes, pharmaceuticals and other chemicals. Because of low wages, foreign competitors are in a position to capture an increasing share of this nation's mass market unless tariffs are maintained at a level sufficient to equalize these cost differentials. For example, a top-rated operator in a German organic chemicals plant gets about 40 cents an hour, compared with an industry average of \$1.92 in the U. S.

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PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .



Ruby Owens, Textile, and Roy Young, Spray, N. C.
Jo Ann Foley, Textile, and Harold Thompson, Martinsville, Va.
Helen Ingram, Textile T-8, and Frank Adams, Bassett, Va.
Madge Foley, Textile T-8, and Edward Bryant, Ferrum, Va.
Ivadell Wade, Textile T-9, and Amos Janney, Copper Hill, Va.
Oleas Goin, Inspection, and Curtis Shelton, Textile.
Fred Koger, P. & S. T-8, and Betty Booth, Martinsville, Va.



Vickey Foley, Textile, to Roy Eggleston, Spray, N. C.
Dorothy Brown, Textile, to Mickey C. Ball, Draper, N. C.
Mary S. Frost, Textile, to Claude Taylor, Sparta, N. C.
Corrine Nance, Denier Room, to Richard D. Haynes, P. & S.
Catherine Burgess, Textile T-9, to Franklin Gilley, Spray, N. C.
T. D. Alexander, P. & S. Maintenance, to Gertrude Thomason, Martinsville, Va.
Joyce Lineberry, Textile, to Foy Surrath, Hillsville, Va.
James Hill, Textile, to Eunice Joyce, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Rhoda Peters, Textile, to Elmer Fulcher, Bassett, Va.
Evelyn Ellis, Textile, to Paul Shough, Patrick Springs, Va.



Wayne Nolen, P. & S. T-9, a son, Kenneth Wayne, November 10, 1954.
Frank E. Ward, Jr., Order and Invoice, a son, Lewis Franklin, February 1.
Celia Flippen, Inspection, a daughter, Ronda Dawn, February 12.
Fred and Evelyn Bishop, Maintenance and Textile T-8, a daughter, Freda Ann, February 9.
Robert L. Alcorn, Maintenance, a son, Stephen Lee, February 1, 1955.
Joe Dove, Maintenance, a son, Rickie Joe, February 7.
Shirley and Cassie Gillispie, P. T. Lab

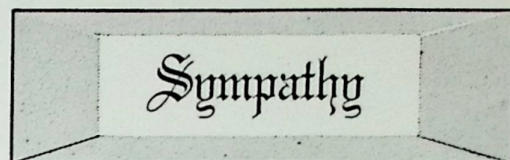
and P. & S., a daughter, Elizabeth Yvonne, February 2.
Bob Burns, Process, a son, Hugh Kearfott, February 2, 1955.
Beatrice and Glenn Jarrett, Fiber Stock Area, a daughter, Sharon Jane, February 13.
Charlotte and Jack Long, Employment and Maintenance, a daughter, Brenda Lee, February 9.
Allison Joyce, Textile T-9, a daughter, Rhonda Gale, January 20.
Vernon Wyatt, Inspection, a son, February 20.
Margaret and B. L. Turner, Inspection and P. & S., a son, Marshall Stephen, February 8.
Barbara Hodges, Inspection, a daughter, February 18.
Harold Whitt, Stores, a daughter, Elizabeth Ray, January 29.
Dennis and Ercell Hodges, P. & S. and Textile, a son, George David, January 27.
Alonza Kennett, P. & S., a son, Claude Tracy, December 14.
Calvin and Grace Vernon, Production, Control and Records, a daughter, Lynn Brooks, February 11.
J. A. Lawson, Maintenance, a son, Niall Watkins, February 6.
Alma Shartzler, Textile T-8, a daughter, Patricia Diane, October 13.
Rex Bowen, Textile T-8, a son, James Michael, February 10.
Herman Hopkins, Textile T-8, a son, Larry Wayne, January 29.
Virginia E. Orris, Textile, a daughter, Debra Lynn, February 7.
Lillian Dalton, Textile, a daughter, Pamela Kay, January 31.
Frances Hagood, Textile, a son, Rocky Lee, January 28.



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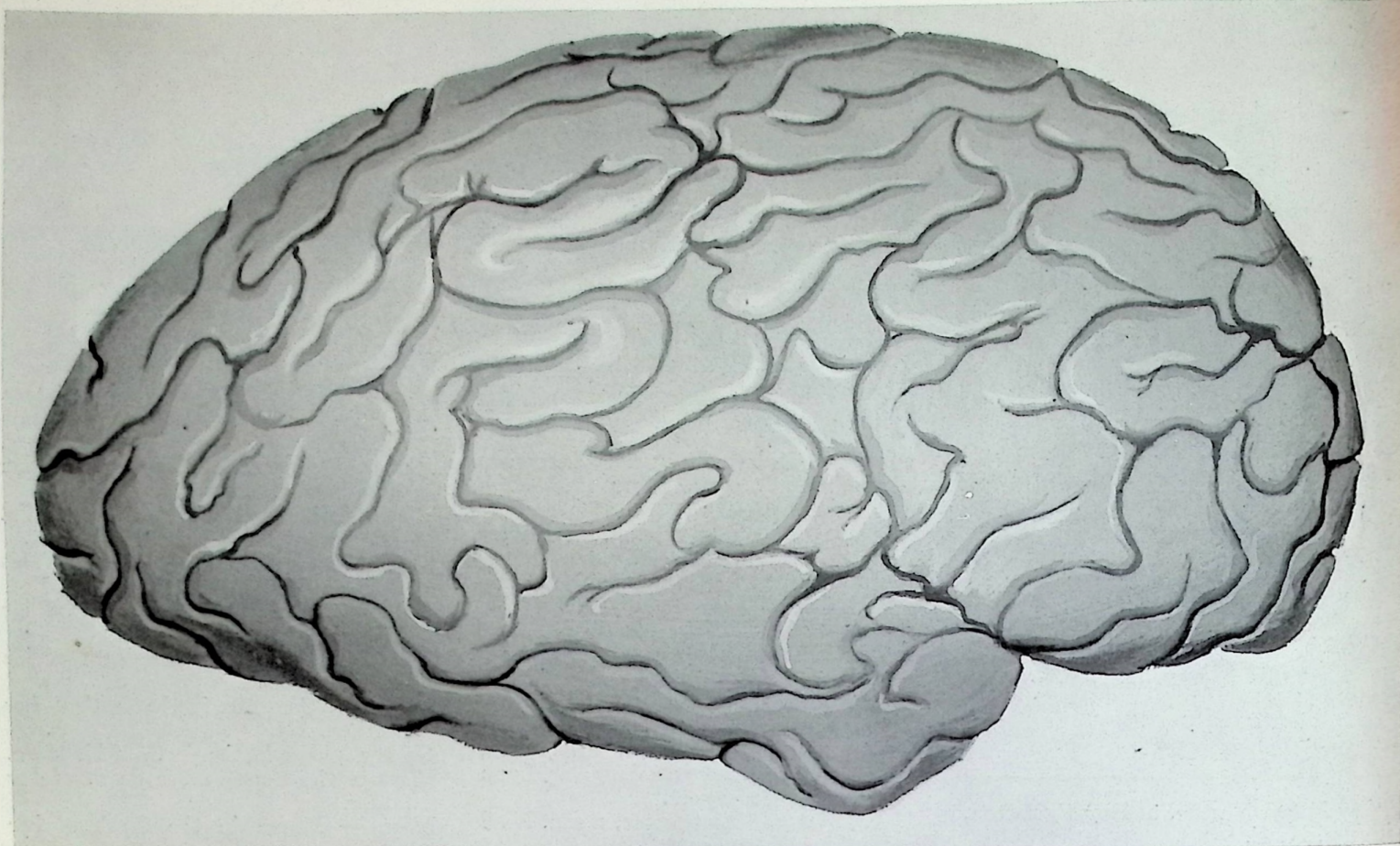
Bobby J. Wood in the death of his father.
Pearl Hughes in the death of her grandfather.
Laura Ferguson in the death of her grandfather.
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Howard Sizemore in the death of his mother-in-law.
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Louise R. Compton in the death of her brother.
Gentry Moore in the death of his uncle.
Virginia Crawford in the death of her father.
Mayrene Moran in the death of her uncle.
Wilbert E. Evans in the death of his father.
Bernell Ingram in the death of her uncle.

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Alice Scott.....Textile T-8
Kathleen Crook.....Inspection
Arlene Anders.....Inspection
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(LEFT TO RIGHT): Lillian Smart and Margaret Doughton were absent when photographer made picture (February "Blender") of Section IV, "A" Shift, Textile T-9, to congratulate the group as 100% owners and wearers of safety shoes.



Courtesy "The Arm-co-operator"

The Most Powerful Machine In The World!

NOT VERY BIG . . . weighs about three pounds, has more than ten billion parts, and it controls every good thing in the world. Without it, the atom bomb and the hydrogen bomb could not have been produced. Yet it is one of the few things that can prevent the world from being blown to pieces.

It is necessary to making nylon; it can keep each of us safe at his job. And it has the power to bring to each of us a promotion to a better job, extra money in our pay-checks and better living for ourselves and our families regardless of the type of work we do.

It shows us how we can work in peace and harmony wherever we are employed. It tells us how to be friendly with our fellow-workers and our neighbors. It can keep our bodies healthy and our minds alive. It can bring happiness to our homes and security to our families.

It costs us nothing, and everybody has one for his own use. It's portable; we carry it with us always. And it is ready to help us, to bring all we need to make our lives happier, safer and more secure.

The human brain is the most powerful machine in the whole world. All we need to do is just use it!



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING—THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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"Write Him and Do It Right"

CONGRESSMEN receive all kinds of correspondence: letters blaming them for a broken street lamp or an unbalanced federal budget. Some are comical. Some are unreasonable. A number are downright ridiculous.

Still the writers had the correct idea. Congressmen were elected to represent us, and the mail is a certain way of informing them of our desires.

The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce recently summed up the value of writing your Congressman: "For better government; study the issues, form your opinion, and inform your Congressman."

Further, the Chamber of Commerce said, "When you write, do it right" and listed ten rules for better correspondence with Senators and Representatives:

1. Address him Representative or Senator John Doe—not Mister.
2. Be brief, but not terse.
3. Be specific, positive—don't hedge.
4. Give him the local viewpoint—how the national issue would affect your community, your industry, your business.
5. Letters should be dignified.
6. Be reasonable—don't ask the impossible.
7. But request action—your Congressman was elected to do something.
8. Make it YOUR letter—in your style, on your letterhead.
9. Request an answer—you've told him where you stand, now ask him where he stands.
10. Be appreciative—thank him for good things he does.

"Extemporaneous Descanting and..."

In a recent speech before the Society of Associated Industrial Editors, Edward C. Logelin, Vice President of U. S. Steel Corporation reported the following:

Last March, I attended the annual convention of the American Society of Bakery Engineers in Chicago. They used a unique device to remind speakers of their responsibilities.

As you stood at the rostrum you could see a huge sign stretched across one wall of the large meeting room. This is what it said:

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities, amicable, philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibleness, and a calescent consistency. Let your extemporaneous descanting and unpremeditated explanations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rodomontade or bombast. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrularity, jejune babblement and asinine affections. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, and psittaceous vivacity, clumpish ocosity, and pestiferous profanity. In other words, 'MAKE IT BRIEF, CLEAR, CRISP, TRUTHFUL,' Isn't that good advice for all of us?"

"The Priceless Ingredient"

In the City of Bagdad lived the wise one, and many people went to him for counsel which he gave freely, asking nothing in return. There came to him a young man who had spent much, but got little, and said, "Tell me, wise one, what shall I do to receive most for which I spend?" Hakeem answered, "A thing that is bought or sold has no value unless it contains that which cannot be bought or sold." "Look for the priceless ingredient?" asked the young man. Then spoke the wise one, "My son, the priceless ingredient of every product in the marketplace is the integrity of him who makes it. Consider his name before you buy."

THE COVER

ELIZABETH SPRINKLE, Inspection, in a white toyo rolling sailor hat which reflects the youthful grace of the 19th century with its taffeta facing, bow and matching neck scarf.



DAINTY as Dresden china is this head hugger of tiny velvet blossoms and it couldn't look lovelier than on Alice Ingram, Textile Area.



TWO huge pink roses caught with pink nylon taffeta spell romance on this large black straw worn by Elaine Wade, of the Accounting Area.



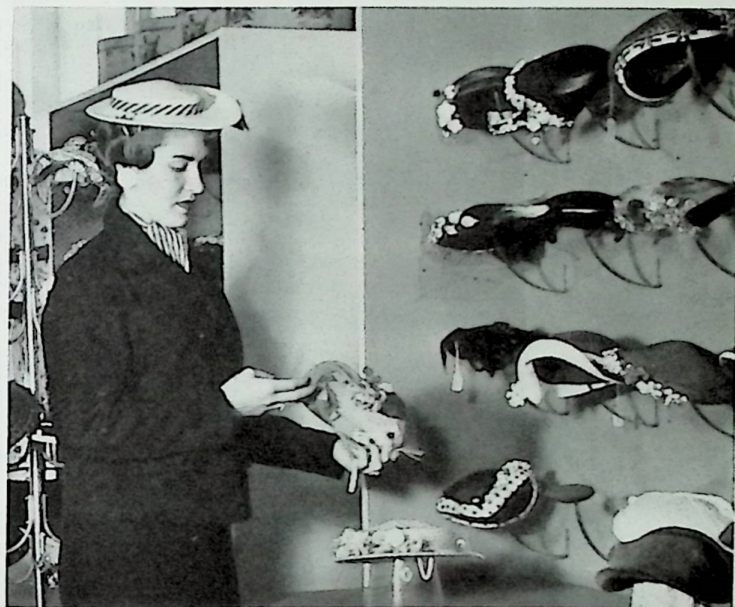
A COMBINATION of garnet milan straw and apple blossoms make up this shell hat with square front worn by Barbara Wray, Inspection.

Spring Toppers

MAYBE no mere male ought to speak about such things, but we venture to remark that the ladies' spring hat styles are—well, remarkable.

It used to be that a hat had a crown and a brim and usually some trimming between the two. A few years ago the crown disappeared and the ladies went around with holes in their heads, hats, we mean. Now the crowns have come back and the brims have gone or are curled up as inconspicuously as possible. These crowns are of uneven shape, mashed down in what might be called head-hugging contours.

This department's sharp-eyed scouts visited **HONORE'S** on Walnut Street and brought back word that the most favored style seems to be an irregularly shaped pancake sort of thing, which is bordered with tiny flowers. It may droop a little in front or over one or both ears, but the pancake contour is still there. It does not look as if it were intended to be taken seriously. Woman's fancy is a wonderful thing. Wise men never laugh at a womanly hat until it is ten years old and then she can laugh at it too!



ELIZABETH (Cover Girl) looking over a selection of the many and beautiful Spring hat styles on display at Honore's on Walnut Street.

THIS young and debonair sailor made of white toyo banded in red grosgrain with embroidered arrows is the choice of Georgia Clinton.



A MIRACLE of sophisticated simplicity is this rough straw braid done in the mauvish tones modeled by Peggy Shrigley, Accounting Group.



THIS feminine model of Spring-into-Summer white toyo shows tiny pink petals on its wavy brim. Made to order for Naomi Mason, Textile.





SPRAY and DRAPER, N. C.

THE HOME TOWNS OF 170 DU PONT EMPLOYEES

Spray

IN 1728, William Byrd who was running the dividing line between Virginia and North Carolina, came upon the land on which the tri-cities of Leaksville, Spray and Draper, N. C., now stand. He was so impressed with the area that he surveyed it and called it the "Land of Eden".

Spray was built on the tract of land originally owned by a Barnette family. The latter sold the property to the Mooreheads, one of whom discovered a commercial process for making calcium carbide. This brought about the con-

ception of this great American Corporation which has purchased land between Spray and Draper to erect another of their large plants.

Later B. Frank Mebane married one of the Moorehead girls, bought out his father-in-law's interest and developed the mills now located in Spray and Draper. These mills were later sold to Fieldcrest Mills, Spray Cotton Mills and Leaksville Woolen Mills. Another independent cotton spinning mill, also in Spray, is owned by the Moorehead estate.

Originally known as "Splashy", due to a fall of water at the lower end of the water power development, the name of the town was later changed to Spray by one of the Mooreheads.

The town has a population of 8,000 and is the largest of the tri-cities. It was incorporated in 1951 and its governing body is composed of a mayor and five commissioners.

The BLENDER salutes this thriving industrial town—the home of approximately 120 faithful Du Pont employees

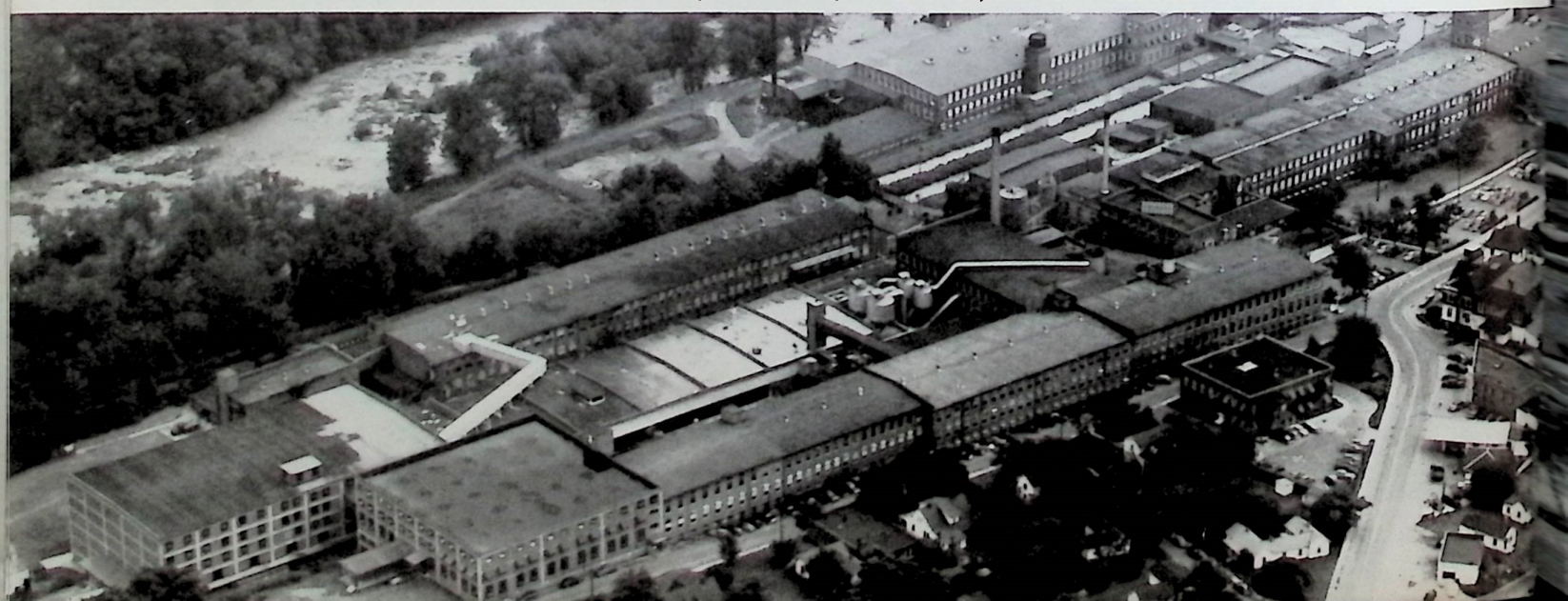


CONNIE DALTON, "D" Shift Textile, observes as Mrs. Darlene Overby examines piece of fine fabric in Fieldcrest Synthetic Fabrics Mill.



FRANCES WILSON explains one of the winder operations at same mill to Elaine Rutledge, "D" Shift, Textile. Connie and Elaine live in Spray

VIEW OF FIELDCREST MILLS AT SPRAY. FINISHING MILL, BLEACHERY, WAREHOUSE, OFFICE AND ELECTRIC BLANKET MILL EMPLOY 1,150





MANY of our male employees also live in Spray. Here Jesse Taylor, Inspection and Shipping, is pictured at home with his wife and two sons, Timothy 5, and Jimmy, 7.



ONE of the favorite eating places in Spray is the Boone Road Dairy Bar. Connie, Elaine and Marie Martin enjoy a drink here following afternoon of touring town with "Blender" Staff.



TRI-CITIES and surrounding areas are served by the 250 watt AM and 820 watt FM Radio Station WLOE which was built in 1946. Here girls watch Disc Jockey, Ron Reppy, in action.

MARIE, Connie and Elaine visit the home of the town's Mayor, Harris M. Nelson, Jr. The beautiful mansion is on a hill and overlooks the busy town.



THE beautiful St. Luke's Episcopal Church was built in 1924 and is located near the center of town. A church-going community, there are fourteen other churches of various faiths in the town.



THE Tri-Cities Pharmacy is managed by Mr. C. Roberson, a long-time citizen of Spray. Here Roena DeHart, "D" Shift, Textile, with children, Sherry, 4 and Sandra, 16 months, meet him.



Draper

DRAPER was founded as a model mill village in 1905 when Arthur Draper came here with plans to lay out the town which would be different from the drab "Mill Towns" of early years of cotton manufacturing. He intended this village to be an entity and not a manufacturing suburb nor industrial section of some other community. It was to serve as a model of what a modern plant and village should be.

He and his company ran into financial difficulty and borrowed heavily from the Marshall-Field Co. In 1911 when the company was declared bankrupt,

Marshall-Field purchased the property along with other mills at Spray. These mills continue to be the chief industries of the two towns.

Draper was incorporated in 1949 through the efforts of A. S. Daniels who was the town's first and present mayor. The town, like Spray three miles away, is governed efficiently by Mr. Daniels and his commissioners.

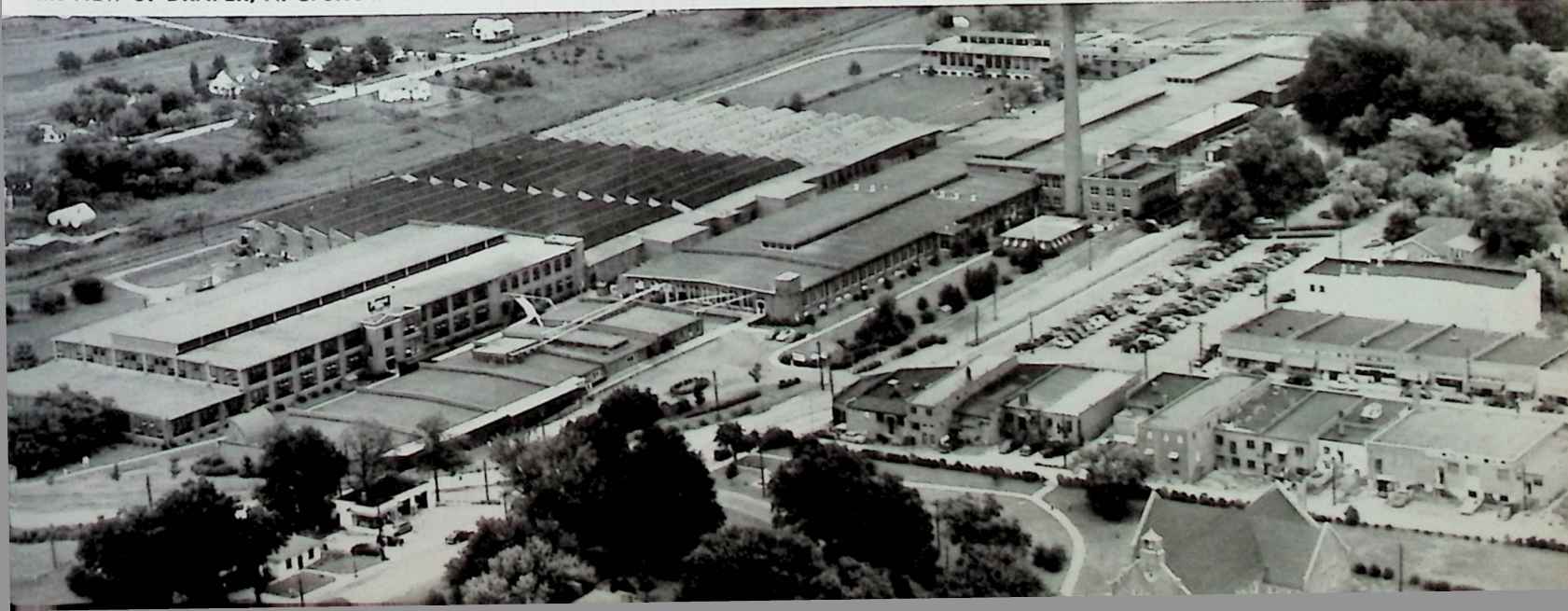
The **BLENDER** is proud to feature this friendly community which around 50 of our employees refer to as "our home".

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FAMOUS "Treasure" blanket of Fieldcrest Mills is made of nylon blended with rayon and cotton.

AIR VIEW OF DRAPER, N. C. SHOWING FIELDCREST SHEET AND BLANKET MILLS WHICH EMPLOY APPROXIMATELY 1,300 LOCAL CITIZENS



HOME TOWNS—SPRAY AND DRAPER, N. C.—continued



ONE of the famous Fieldcrest ROSEGARDEN gift sets of one Duracale sheet and two pillow cases. Mills also make popular and fine white Fieldcrest percales. Sheets are sold over U. S., foreign countries.



BONITA EAST and Barbara Wilson, "D" Shift, Textile, T-8 and T-9 pictured with A. J. Talvbert, Chief of Police of Draper. Mr. Talvbert has been on the police force since 1949, chief since December, 1954.



SCENE along Main Street of Draper where most of the business houses are located. A Mr. Arthur Draper, founder of the town named after him, planned "an ideal mill community different from drab towns."



BARBARA and her pastor, the Reverend Earl C. York of the First Christian Church of Draper. Church was established in 1929 and, at present, has 225 members. Mr. York has been pastor for past 16 months.



ANNE HARTER, Becky Barrow, Bonita and Barbara posed in front of the beautiful high school that serves Tri-Cities of Leaksville, Spray and Draper. Anne and Becky are also on "D" Shift, Textile, T-8 & T-9.



BONITA relaxes in the large living room of her beautiful Long Street home which has just been remodeled. Many Du Pont employees in both Spray and Draper have completed new homes in the last few years.



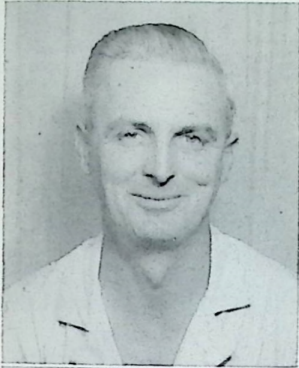
ANNE and Becky posed with J. M. Law, Chief of Draper Volunteer Fire Department which has been organized five years. Prior to volunteers, the fire brigades at Fieldcrest Mills furnished protection for the town.



GIRLS posed in front of the beautiful Municipal Building with Mr. A. S. Daniels, popular Mayor of Draper. Mr. Daniels, elected in 1949 as the town's first mayor, is now serving his third consecutive term.

— THE END

Why a Top Quality Product is of Vital Importance to ME



Buren Woods
P. & S.

"I WAS in the sawmill business before I was employed by Du Pont and in this business I learned what quality means. I had to have good sound lumber and I had to saw it right to keep my customers and get my price for it. The same thing applies to nylon or any other product. We must, at all times, give the customer the best we can or we will not keep him long!"

"IT gives us a first class job when we make a first class product. The better the quality of our product the more jobs there will be on the plant. If our nylon is the best on the market, more people will buy it. As long as we prevent mixes, undrawn yard and other defects we should have a steady job. If we don't, we may be on the outside looking for other work."

Snow C. Land
Textile



Cyril D. Barker
Power

"OUR American way of life is tied very closely to the concept that the company is rewarded best that produces the goods or services of the highest quality. Our individual welfare here at the Martinsville nylon plant depends directly on each of us accepting the responsibility of seeing to it that as few as possible off-standard conditions exist on our jobs and that no off-standard yarn reaches our customers."

"AS a member of the Process Section, my job revolves around ways and means of getting "better and better" quality into our product. Under present market conditions, however, I believe that better and better quality may not be good enough. Thus, quality that is tops, in the true sense of the word, can be the thing that means security for my job and for the jobs of others all over the plant."

Syd Elkins
Process



Mary Evelyn Spencer
Accounting

"PRODUCING a top quality product gives me a deep personal satisfaction of doing a job to the best of my ability. Too, competition is becoming keener each year and naturally our customers are going to buy the best nylon they can get. Since Du Pont has furnished us the best of everything we need to produce quality, there is no reason why we should not turn out a product that is really tops."

"QUALITY is my boss. It makes nylon salable and my job depends on sales. The wound-in waste, stains, broken filaments, mixes and other defects which occur on the plant, increase our customers' operating costs. Improved quality performance would eliminate these defects and permit a satisfactory margin of profit for our customers. This, in turn, assures a ready market for our product. Quality perfection, the ultimate goal, deserves the continuous attention of us all."

Wilbur (Bud) Kouk
Methods and Planning



Clarice Duffy
Inspection

"IT is our job to keep our customers satisfied and happy and without quality nylon we cannot do this. Customers want the best they can get, and if we don't give them the very best, our jobs are endangered. If each and everyone of us would follow standard practice each hour of the day, poor quality would soon be eliminated and our jobs made more secure. I want my job here and I'm sure most of you do!"

"TO me quality is very vital to each of us, regardless of the type of work we perform daily. Our job security depends upon our working together as a group. It depends upon each of us accepting our individual responsibility in producing a product which is more acceptable to customers than the product offered by our competitors. Yes, as with any endeavor that comes to my mind, TOP RESULTS REQUIRE TOP EFFORT."

Willie Robertson
Personnel



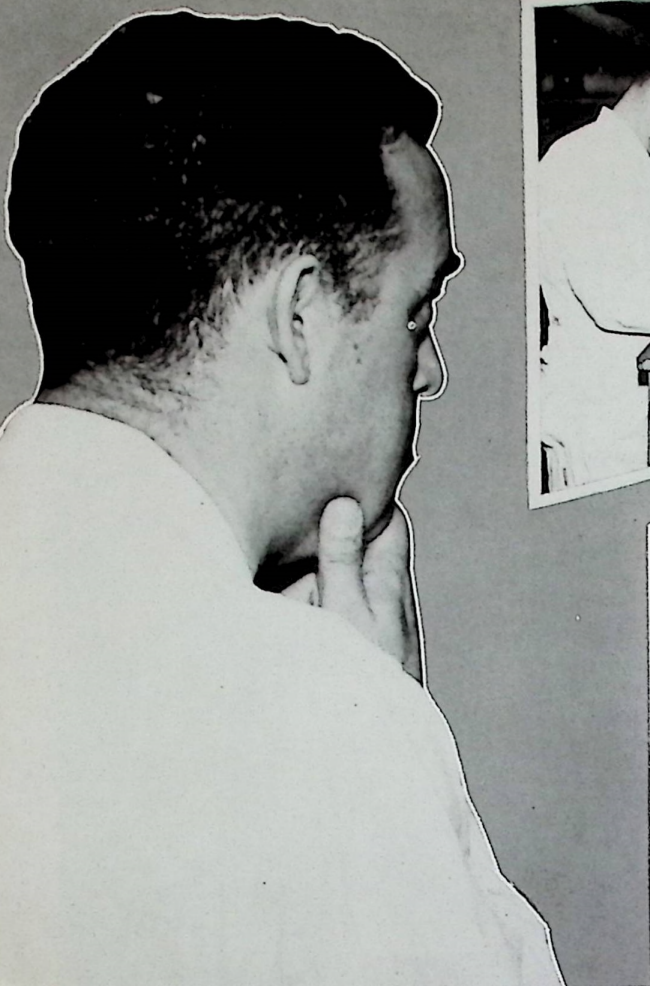
Fred Robertson
Maintenance

"PERFECTION in the manufacture of a quality product should be everyone's goal. Quality in today's market promotes more sales, and when you do that you create more and better jobs. When the quality of a product is lowered it decreases employment by fewer sales and causes a cut in personnel. Something has to give when quality drops, either wages, employees or the plant may be shut down altogether. Quality, also gives us pride and confidence."

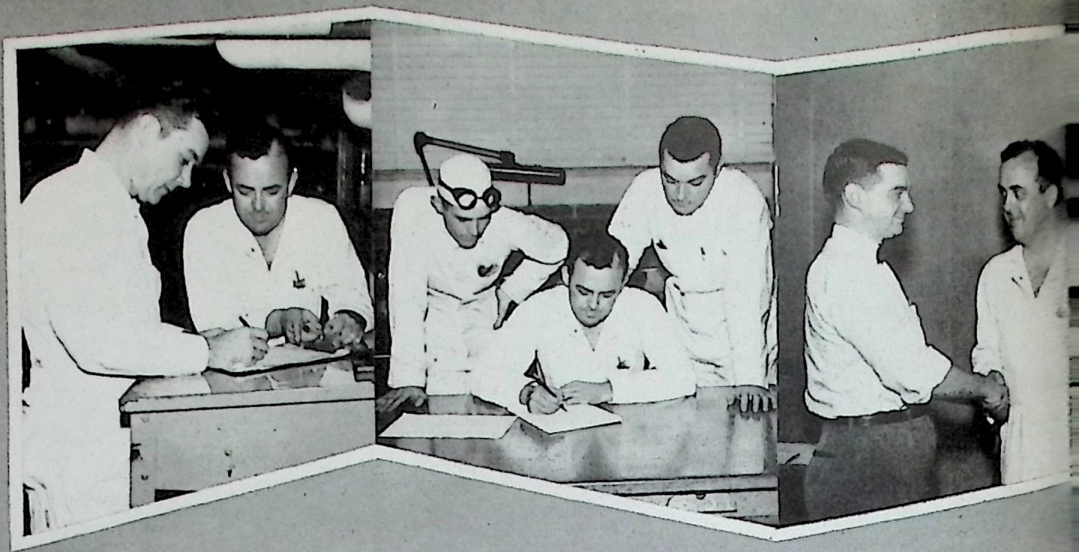
"QUALITY means making the best nylon that can be made, keeping it the best and giving the best service that is possible to give. It has been made very plain to us that this is the only way we can satisfy, and keep on satisfying, our customers who keep us in business. And we should always bear that in mind whatever our job on the plant may be."

James Edwards
Service





KEN GALLOWAY, P. & S., TAKES A GOOD LOOK AT HIMSELF



Am I helpful?

A team worker?

Friendly?

MIRROR, AS AN EMPLOYE

Evaluating Ourselves Isn't Easy, But Here Is a Short Test For Those of You Who Are Eager to Measure Your Performance

SUPPOSE you had a magic mirror, *a la Snow White*. Suppose all you had to do to measure your abilities was to say: "Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, as an employee, am I on the ball?"

What would the mirror say?

Unfortunately, evaluating ourselves as employees isn't that easy. Today's mirrors will reflect a fair image of your appearance, but they will not utter a single peep about your aptitudes for work. For that you usually rely on your foreman or forelady, your co-workers, your friends, even your wife or husband.

But in case they are bashful about being frank with you—or if you'd rather not risk the chance of finding out just

what they do think, why not ask yourself how you measure up to your job? If you were working in the Employment Office, would you hire yourself? If you were your boss, would you recommend yourself for a raise or promotion?

The State Farm Insurance Company has devised a short quiz for those of you eager to measure your performance. Provided you don't play favorites and stick to the truth, the following fifteen questions may be helpful in your self-examining.

After you've taken the quiz, add up the number of "yes" and "no" answers and read what experts say about measuring human ability, in the type printed upside down on the next page. Don't peek!

Here are the questions:

1 Are you genuinely interested and enthusiastic about your job?

———Yes ———No

2 Do you like to work with others in a team effort?

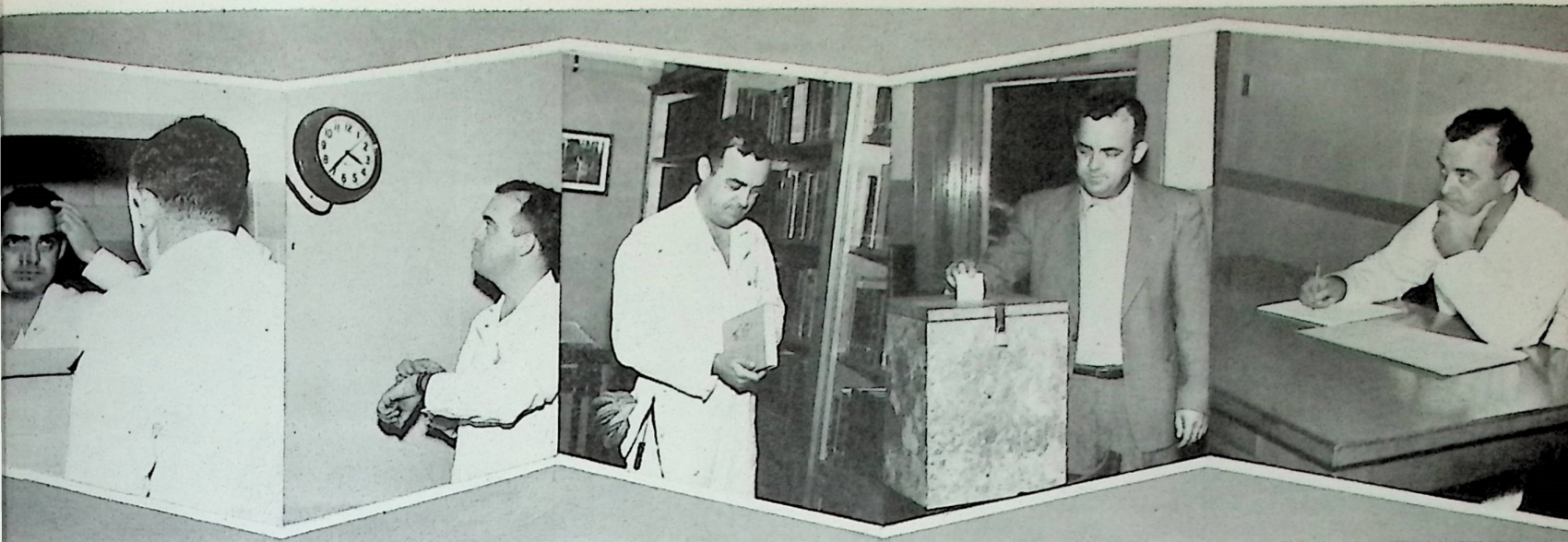
———Yes ———No

3 Are you considered friendly and congenial with the people you work with?

———Yes ———No

4 Are you trying to carry your share of the group effort?

———Yes ———No



Neat? Punctual? Eager to learn? A good citizen? Diligent?

MIRROR, ON THE WALL, SEE, AM I ON THE BALL?

5 Are you known as one who "sticks to the job"?

——Yes ——No

6 Do you report to work on time—and regularly?

——Yes ——No

7 Do you carefully follow all job rules and regulations?

——Yes ——No

8 Is your personal appearance as neat as possible?

——Yes ——No

9 Do you conscientiously promote safety on and off the job?

——Yes ——No

10 Do you take your work problems directly to your immediate supervisor?

——Yes ——No

11 Does your work reflect neatness, accuracy and thoroughness?

——Yes ——No

12 Are you eager to learn more and more about your job?

——Yes ——No

13 Do you participate in community activities?

——Yes ——No

14 Are you anxious to help develop ways to make your job more productive?

——Yes ——No

15 Are you known as one who will lend a willing and helpful hand to another employee?

——Yes ——No

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

If you have checked "yes" in answer to all 15 questions, count yourself very good, even exceptional. Don't puff out your chest too far, though. For most people try to live up to each of the items in the quiz one way or another. It shouldn't surprise you, then, to discover that your friends consider themselves exceptional, too.

"DIG THAT GONE WORD"

Says Webster:

COMPETITION is the effort of two or more parties, acting independently, "to secure the custom of a third party by offering most favorable terms."

Says Student:

COMPETITION is "two hot spooks bashing ears over some gone pashpie who has indubitably flipped her lid for some schnookle who doesn't dig her crazy crushes." (Translated—"Two dashing young heroes exchanging words about a really cute gal who is unquestionably interested in another fella who actually doesn't appreciate her at all.")

Says Nylon:

COMPETITION is a "commercial rivalry that existed long before 'Nylon'—one that has put the finest luxuries and conveniences within the reach of all—a rivalry which requires the finest workmanship if our Nylon is to continue to attract customers interested in quality products."

IN SHORT: Competition is part of our way of life—no handouts—it is working for what we desire!



HOLD ON, PAL! So Dickie Potter (left) seems to be saying to Pete Johnson in regard to Pat Foushee's books that need carrying. Competition, whether it's over a cute gal, a basketball game, or new customers for a product, is with us every day. The boy, the team or the company that wins out will have to be on their collective toes. (The trio above are seniors at Martinsville High School. Dickie is the son of Jim Potter, Service. Pat is the daughter of Bob Foushee, Inspection and Pete is the son of Ed Johnson, Design.)

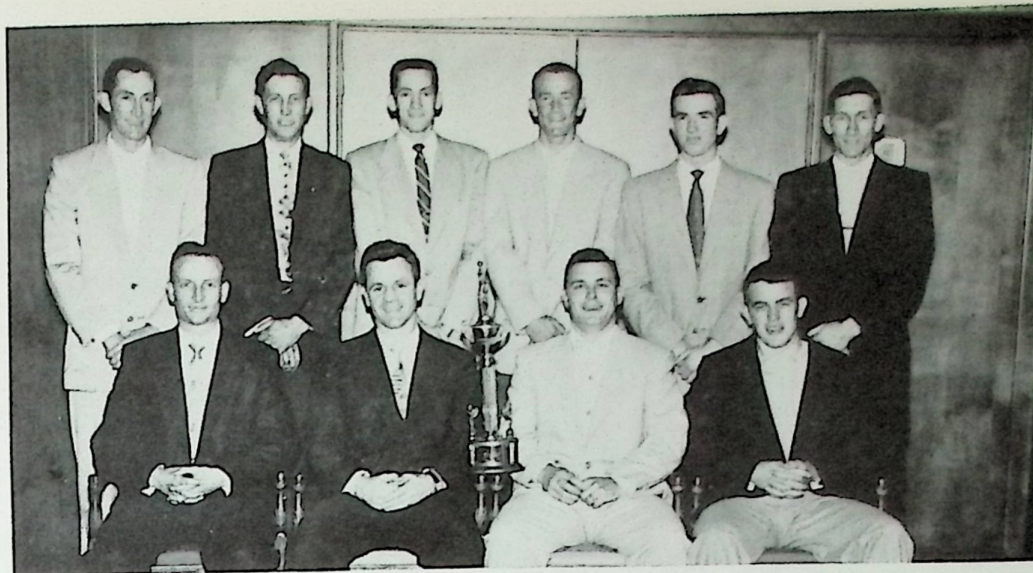
PARIS-DESIGNED GARMENTS DISPLAYED IN WILMINGTON



DU PONT textile fibers have traveled a long way from the laboratories where they were created and the plants where they were produced. This spring, the name Du Pont has taken new roots in France through the company's textile fibers, used by the Parisian haute couture to pace world-setting fashions. The Textile Fibers Department team, responsible for fabric development, publicity and merchandising "Operation Paris",

is pictured above at a recent Sales Division Meeting in Wilmington with reproductions of garments by leading Paris designers made from fabrics of Du Pont fibers. Left to right, the group includes: Gomer H. Warren, merchandising manager, dresses; Helen Gray and Jane S. Denton, Public Relations Department, and M. K. Ryan, Jr., manager, fabric development. The show received much favorable comment from viewers.

(SEATED L. TO R.) Doug Gerringer, Doug Cone (Player-Coach), Roy Joyce, Ken Barrow. (Standing) Bob Draper, Curtis Stanley, Warren Robertson, Sammie Belcher, Don Cook, Ray Bacock. Absent when picture was made: Bob Davis.



OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS ENJOY BANQUET

Men's Team Receives Beautiful Trophy

THE players on both our men's and women's basketball team, their wives and husbands, enjoyed a steak banquet at the Lynwood Club on Wednesday, March 27.

Following the banquet Plant Manager, Don Hartford, presented to Captain Sammie Belcher a beautiful trophy that was won when the team achieved runner-up honors in the Roanoke Class A Gold Medal Tournament. Each team member also received a miniature silver basketball for tournament participation.

Coach Doug Cone and Welfare and Recreation Supervisor, Harry Daughtry, complimented the personnel of both teams for the fine sportsmanship displayed during the season.

The men's team completed its most

successful season—winning 23 and losing 8—since the sport became a part of the plant recreational program. The majority of the losses were to strong independent teams in North Carolina. Although not as successful as the men, the women played inspired ball in each game. Like the men, their losses were to outstanding cage quints.

For the men, Captain Sammie Belcher led all scorers with an average of 21.7 per game; Artie Milton was the leader for the women with 14.11 points per game. The men's team averaged 80.3 per game and the girls 34.2.

Following the banquet, a movie of a close game between Richmond and George Washington University was reviewed and enjoyed by the entire group.



PLANT Manager, Don Hartford, presented handsome trophy to Captain Sammie Belcher. (Below) Harry Daughtry awarded gifts to two diligent coaches, "Teet" Hill and Doug Cone.



(SEATED, L. TO R.) Sarah Compton, Ruth Bray, Frances Reid, Artie Milton. (Standing) Iris Francis, Alice Dickerson, June Mosley, Frances Dickerson, Marie Blankenship, Margaret ("Teet") Hill, Coach. Absent when picture was made: Polly Mason, Eleanor Lynch, Jean Bryant.



"I STARTED business modestly in gas buggy days and graduated to beauties of today like this. And what speed! The present 56 million will be swelled each year and should help with my estimated quota of 1,000,000 casualties in the next 25 years."



"HERE ya are, Jack! Just one for the road. Go ahead, take it, though it be for the long, long road of no return. Just 36,000 of you lost your lives in traffic in 1954. Driver action such as speed, recklessness after drinking caused a large portion of them."



"STEP on it! If you hurry you can get around this truck on the wrong side before he switches lanes, and you meet the oncoming traffic. This smart driving and passing on curves got me over 600 victims over the U. S. during 1954. Pretty nice haul?"

WE believe that each of you will agree that the figures showing the total deaths from automobile accidents—806—in Virginia for 1954 are, indeed, shocking. Thirteen of these victims were our Henry County neighbors.

Although none of these victims were our employees, there were several "near misses". Far too many received serious injuries and, as a result, lost an alarming number of days from work.

In order to impress upon you the seriousness of carelessness in "machines of death", we of the Service Area have here introduced the character "Skree". He was created by the "Carbide News" staff of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co., of South Charleston, W. Va. We are indebted to the "Carbide News" staff for permitting us to use him.

Let him tell you his story:

I'M SKREE. I am the sound of screeching tires . . . a scream in the night . . . the crunch of folding metal . . . the tinkle of broken glass.

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I am the wail of a siren . . . the moans of the maimed . . . and the long sob of grief.

I am the bit of evil in everyone . . . the sudden urge to beat the light . . . a foot pressed on the accelerator . . . the roar of the motor . . . the thrill of speed . . . the crash!

I am the warning sound which stills all laughter for death's black silence.

Skid Row—the highway—is my playground . . . and not in a thousand years of safe driving can you ever mend the damage I've done . . . and the sorrow I've created.

I am always with you . . . and I'll go about my devilish work just as long as you lack CARE and COURTESY in your driving.

I, was born with the first automobile, and I daresay that some of my forebearers were around when Roman chariots were tangling wheels in the streets of Corinth.

My serious work began with the first traffic fatality in American which occurred in New York City in 1899. Up to this time I'd been just toying with little stuff like falls and fires and runaway horses. Then, suddenly, I could see this vast new field opening before me: The motor-car. Great highways snaking across the country, east, west, north and south. Men hauling goods and passengers. Men traveling faster than anyone had dreamed was possible. Oh! This was going to be great!

I started business very modestly, perching myself beside some of the drivers of the early gas buggies. I cajoled and hinted for more speed and a daredevil show for the onlookers. With the early cars being what they were and traveling on unimproved roads, I got quite a few drivers and pedestrians killed that way. My outlook for a gory future was good, because the measly total of 4 cars in this country in 1895 had jumped to a total of 3,200 in 1899, the year of the first traffic fatality. This was also the first year in which a man had driven an automobile faster than a mile a minute.

At this period the railroad train was very much in evidence, and of course there were points

where the roads had to cross the railroad tracks. I worked these crossings pretty regularly. You know, such things as telling drivers that their wonderful new automobiles could beat the trains to the crossings. This proved a good item, for by 1950 some 4,000 persons were being killed or injured each year.

Within the next 5 years or by 1904, the speed demons were able to push up the speed record by another 50 miles to 104.53 miles per hour.

Then, starting in 1915 with a passenger vehicle registration of 2,332,426 cars, and gaining an additional million each year, the total registration for privately owned cars in 1925 totaled 8,131,522. Think of it!

One of the car models of that year had attained a speed of 150 miles per hour. Things were really cooking for me, my books showed 17,571 deaths from U. S. automobiles. My crew were finding drivers the most accident-gullible people around. They could be persuaded to do about anything

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with these imperfect machines—it wasn't the automobiles so much as the crazy things people were doing with them. For instance, my scouts reported motorists racing at breakneck speeds over roads designed for wagons; spilling themselves over cliffs; running down people; crashing into wagons, houses, bicycles, and each other; and hundreds of other fantastic things. Skreeism was sweeping the country!

There has been no let up for Skree Incorporated for many a year. Both World Wars were shots in the arm for my business, for it is during the war years that great advancements are made in engines, metals, fuels, and projectiles. I think the automobile is a fine weapon.

Today I have to laugh at the trouble I'm causing industry in this country. I'm snuffing out the lives of more of their employees off the job than are killed in all the plants and factories—nearly 19,000 of them in 1954. Workers injured off the job in traffic lost 60 million man days of work. Total economic losses from traffic accidents total \$4.2 billion a years. Skreeism is big business.

My future looks rosier, i. e., bloodier, than ever before. There are approximately 56 million cars on our roadways today. This number will be swelled with more and faster cars to help make my estimated quota of 1,000,000 casualties in the next 25 years. I look forward to the jet-powered models.

The only dark clouds on my horizon are caused by traffic safety outfits who are plumping for standardized laws, uniform regulations and ordinances, better highways, car and driver inspections, more traffic education, and stricter law enforcement.

The thing I detest most is the careful driver. But again, I have no reason for worry. Most drivers are chumps, and no matter how often they are warned, I can get through to them in only a moment. I've been around for a long time and I'll stick around for some time to come. They don't call me "Skree—the Skid Kid" for nothing.



"I'M SKREE, and if you listen to me kids, you won't pay any attention to the school patrol boys or the warning of patrol mothers. I don't like them. If you follow their directions you may cut me down on my victims—over 3,000—who crossed in 1954."



"YES, I hover in the fringe world wherever traffic moves. You'll find me on the scene at every traffic accident. Here's a sample of my victims. In 1954 I claimed the lives of nearly 1,000 who were walking along highways. These mishaps are my business.



"HERE'S where I want to see all of you 'Skreeball' drivers who think an automobile is something to play 'cowboy' in. Scenes like this from one end of the country to the other are testimonials that I'm big business. And I want to remain a big operator'."

NEWS

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SECTION 6, "C" Shift, Textile T-9. 100% of girls in group are now owners and wearers of safety shoes. (First Row, L. to R.): Edith Smith, Ruth Gregory, Marie Greer, Nancy Griffin, Virginia Crook, Nell Wells (Forelady). (Top Row): Mildred Tatum, Shirley Layman, Elmo Willey, Frances Kendall, Blondell Slaughter, Sallie Powell, Nancy Draper. Congratulations!



(L. to R.): George James, Process, left for Military Service, February 4; William Pogue, Charles Franklin, George Tetter, Yancey Arendall—all returned from Military Service since the March "BLENDER" was published.

lished. William and George served in the Navy, while Charles and Yancey were with Army and Air Force, respectively. We wish James success and extend a hearty welcome to all of you who have returned.



MARTHA Jewel Morris and Nancy Page Morris, twin daughters of the late Wilda Morris, Textile. Wilda died at their birth, 1-22-53. Girls are nieces of Marie McMillan, "A", Denier Room.

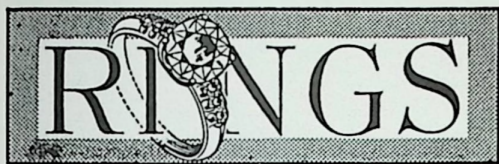


JUNIOR Girls' Bowling Team which is sponsored by the Ladies' Day Bowling League. Girls bowl each Saturday and our reliable sources report some of them have amazing scores. Several are Du Pont sons and daughters.



THE senior class of Hardin Reynolds Memorial School at Critz. The boys and girls visited us on March 9. After a welcome by Assistant Plant Manager A. J. McGinty, they toured the plant, saw a movie, "The Du Pont Story".

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .



Jessie Hundley, Textile T-9 to Floyd Perdue, Rocky Mount, Va.
Martha Hodges, Textile to Buford Young, Rocky Mount, Va.
Olene Myers, Textile to Haywood Thompson, P. & S.
Paul Barnett, M. & P., and Peggy Keith, Fincastle, Va.

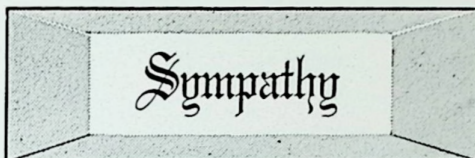


Jo Ann Foley, Textile and Harold Thompson, Martinsville, Va.
Linnie Ridinger, Textile and John W. Hutchens, P. & S.
Ruby Owens, Textile and Ray Young, Spray, N. C.
Ruby Amos, Textile, and Phillip V. Prillaman, Bassett, Va.
Dotsie Doss, Textile and Cecil Brown, Glade Hill, Va.
Oleas Goin, Inspection and Curtis Shelton, Bassett, Va.
Rhoda Peters, Textile and Elmer Fulcher, Fieldale, Va.
Hilda A. Barker, Textile and William David Wilson, Altavista, Va.



Nancy and Bill Thompson, Textile and Power, a son, Richard Lane, March 12.
Kathryn Wallace, Cafeteria, a son, Ricky Payton, March 19.
Jack Owens, M. & P., a son, Mark Warren, March 11.
Dwight Reynolds, M. & P., a daughter, Judith Claire, March 17.
James Mason, Shipping, a son, Stephen Michael, March 4.
George and Marie Burpeau, Records and Cashier's Office, a son, George O., Jr., March 4.
Claude and Iris Clifton, P. & S., and Textile, a daughter, Lydia Clifton, March 5.
Milton Martin, P. & S., a daughter, Janet Rose, March 15.
James G. Heffinger, P. & S., a son, James G., Jr., March 23.
Bill Thurman, Pipecovers, a son, William Benjamin, Jr., March 12.
Sidney Thompson, Pipecovers, a daughter, Nancy Lynne, March 8.

Gaynelle Amos, Textile, a son, Ricky Kim, March 26.
Mary Flippin, Textile, a daughter, Linda Sue, March 3.
Jim Thorne, M. & P., a daughter, Katherine Ann, March 31.
Janet R. Perry, Denier Room, a daughter, Patricia Dawn, February 24.
Nacota Smith, Bobbin Storage, a son, Nacota, Jr., March 7.
Dick Swanson, Process, a son, Richard Charles, Jr., March 2.
Howard Watkins, Bobbin Storage, a daughter, Marilyn Daire, March 25.



Tommy Bowles in the death of his father
Bobby J. Wood in the death of his grandmother.
Ruth Kimbro in the death of her brother.
E. G. Moore in the death of his mother.
Fay Angle in the death of her uncle.
Ruby Moore in the death of her grandfather.
Edith Whisonent in the death of her grandfather.
Mazie Lancaster in the death of her sister-in-law.
Joshua Morris in the death of his mother.
Howard Watkins in the death of his grandmother.
Jean Prillaman in the death of her uncle.
R. N. Crockett in the death of his father-in-law.



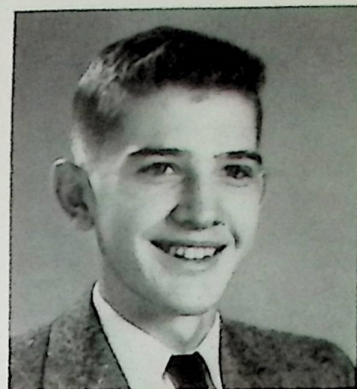
Barbara Boaz, Betty Jo Joyce.

ORGANIZATION CHANGES



(L. to R.): Bill Cleal, Group Leader, Methods and Planning, placed on special assignment February 16; Don Conklin, Engineer, M. & P., promoted to Group Leaders, M. & P., March 1.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT



JIMMY DAVIS, son of Mary Davis, Textile, was recently elected vice-president of the Beta Clubs of Virginia. Jimmy is a junior at Franklin County High School. In addition to the above honor, he is president of his school's Spanish Club, prominent in athletics, and has been president of his home room for four years.

20-YEAR SERVICE PIN



GEORGE ("SCOTTY") MAY
Works Engineering

10 YEARS SERVICE



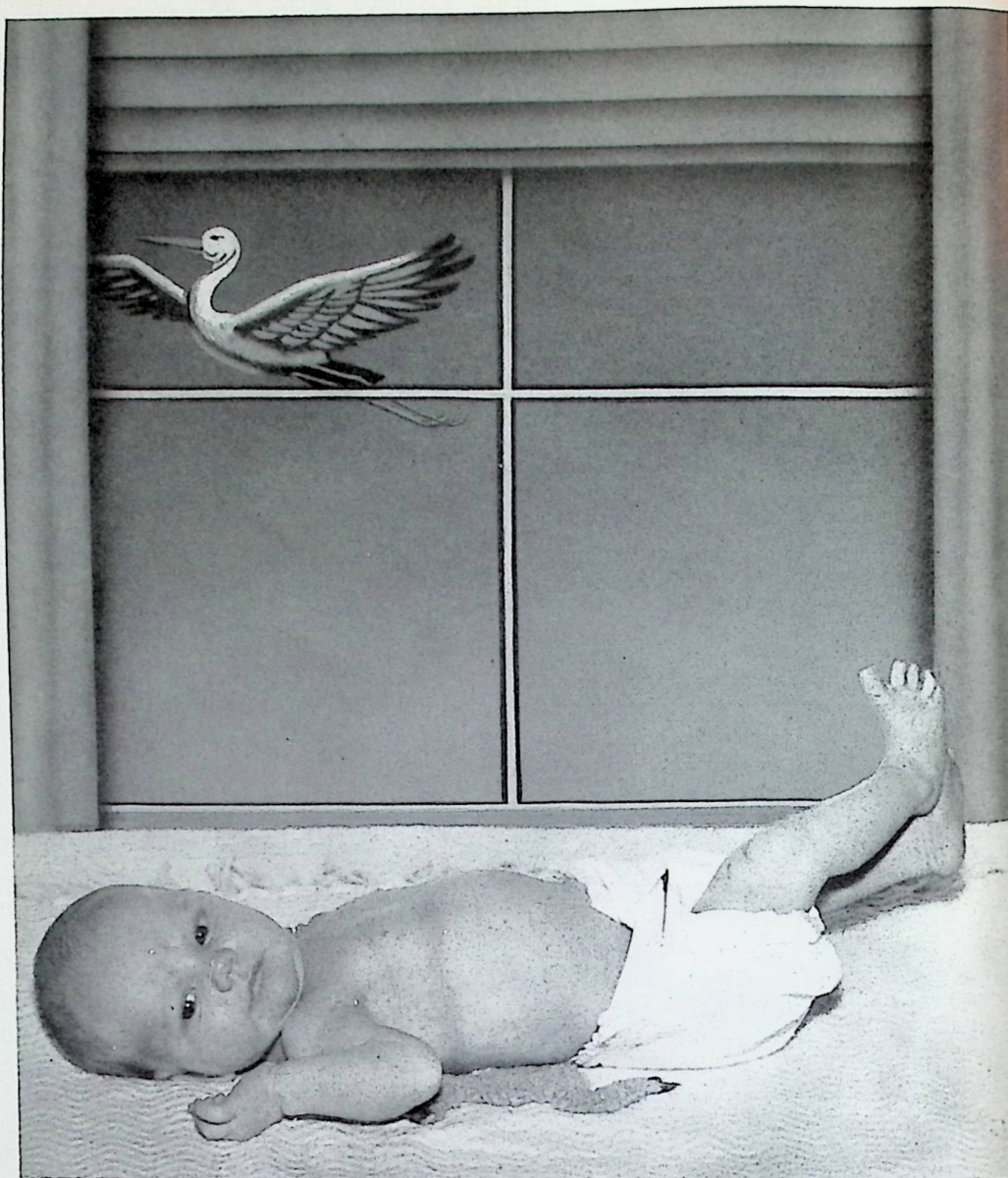
MARY SHELTON
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RALPH DOOLIN
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Rachel Young.....Textile T-9
Anne McDaniel.....Textile T-8
Nina D. Prillaman.....Textile T-8
Ray Bocock.....P. & S. T-9
Curtis Adams.....P. & S. T-9
Albert Jeffries.....P. & S. T-8
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Nancy McClung.....Textile T-8
Ester Elgin.....Process Control
Lois Warren.....Textile T-8
Ralph Doolin.....Service
Eva Lee.....Personnel
Yancey Arendall.....P. & S.

TOMORROW'S CUSTOMER



The stork these days is a busy bird, making daily deliveries (like Richard C. Swanson, Jr., pictured above) son of Richard Swanson, Process, to every town in the U. S. The nation's population is growing at the rate of 2.7 million people a year, enough to populate a city the size of Boston. Experts predict that in ten years, this country's population will rise to 185 million which means a market of 24 million new customers. The stork means business.

To keep pace, industry will have to expand. Each one of our brand-new citizens will demand the same

good things of life that his parents now enjoy.

Huge sums of creative, risk capital will be required to satisfy this demand for every kind of consumer goods. To meet the need, U. S. industry will have to invest a total of \$250 billion in the next decade to finance new construction, new products and new jobs. This means that financial incentives to new investors must remain attractive, for substantial parts of the required sum must come from the savings of U. S. people.

And U. S. people are practical about their savings.



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING—THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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What's In It For Me?

We hear a lot about "a quality product", "cost reduction", "conservation." We are all implored to do our part in all these programs.

You might ask "Why are these things so important?" and "What's in it for me?"

The answers to these questions can be summarized in just two words: **JOB SECURITY.**

As producers of nylon we are working in a highly competitive field. With competition pressing us from all sides (see article pages 3-5), ready to step in and serve our customers the minute we should lose one, we must be awake constantly in our efforts to keep customers satisfied. In order to do this we must continue to provide them nylon of high quality at competitive prices, and the prices of nylon have dropped steadily since 1940 when the first price list was issued. For instance, a typical denier nylon yarn which listed at \$4.27 per pound when the first price was issued, today sells for \$2.70 per pound.

These price reductions were made in spite of rising commodity prices and increased labor costs and means that the margin between what Du Pont pays for making nylon and what it gets back when it sells that nylon has been greatly reduced.

There are two ways of meeting this problem: (1) increasing sales, and (2) cutting production costs. As mentioned above, increasing sales depends upon our ability to please more and more customers. That is why quality is so important. The second method is in cost reduction, and is equally important. Both present a challenge to every employee.

What can we do to solve it? We can prevent wasted time, wasted effort and wasted materials. We can concentrate on doing our jobs well. We can follow standard work procedures in all operations. We can make suggestions. We can prevent useful materials from going to the scrap heap; we can take care of our equipment; and we can avoid squandering supplies. We can think and act in terms of "highest quality" at "lowest cost."

We all can make OUR JOBS more secure. Isn't that what each of us wants?

What Students Reach The Top?

"Chemical Progress Week" being celebrated nationally May 16-21 is a particularly appropriate time to remind the young men and women of this city that education is the foundation upon which future success in the business world depends.

A survey conducted recently by the Manufacturing Chemists' Association of the educational backgrounds of chemical company executives shows that in this highly technical industry, the man with technical training is needed at the top. About 57 per cent of these executives have such training.

But the industry will need many more men with such training in the future. Chemical companies were offering an estimated 3,000 jobs for technical or scientific graduates last June. They are seeking these men now because it has been conservatively estimated that the chemical industry will be four times as big, and certainly more complex, 20 years from now.

The survey proved two other facts important to the young man or woman considering a career in this field. First, the chemical industry requires a wide variety of training at its top levels. Second, while technical or scientific training is a big help, the variety of educational backgrounds at the top indicates that experience developed after graduation and ability are the determining factors in the selection of men for these positions.

So, if you are thinking of a career in this or any other technical industry, include as much math and science as you can in your high school curriculum.

Stockholders Continue To Increase

Our company was owned by 151,835 stockholders as of March 31, 1955, an increase of 2,421 over the number of holders recorded at the close of 1954. The total also was 3,737 over the number on March 31, 1954.

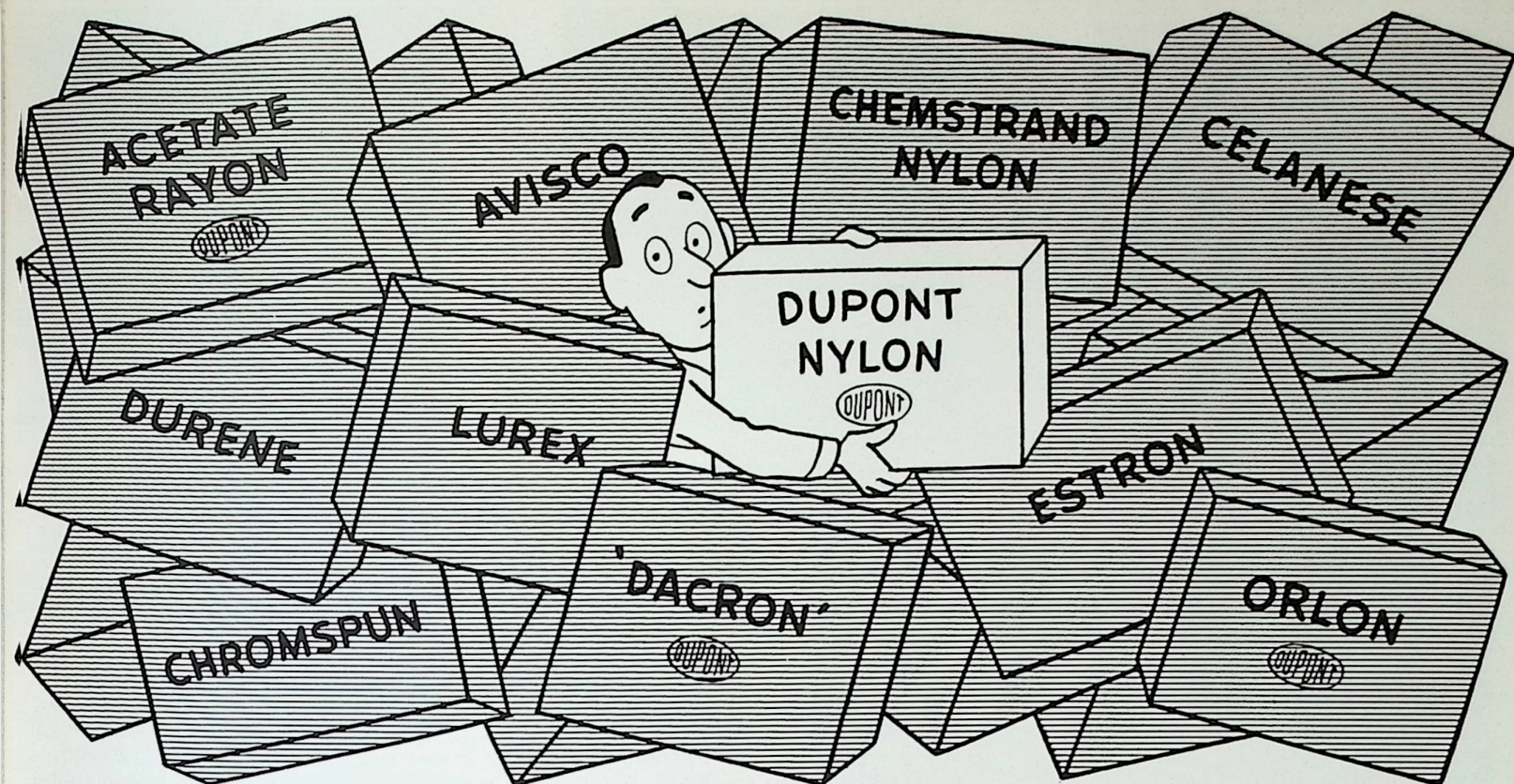
There were 136,460 holders of common stock and 21,897 holders of preferred stock as the first quarter period of 1955 ended. These figures include 6,522 holders of more than one kind of stock.

Every state in the union is represented among the owners of the company.

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THE COVER

(LEFT TO RIGHT) Betty Hylton, "C" Shift, Textile Type 9 and Betty Lawson, "C" Shift, Textile, Type 8 pose beside one of the beautiful dogwood trees that line Mulberry Road, Martinsville. Dogwood is State Flower.



UP TO OUR NECKS IN COMPETITION

TWO members of the BLENDER staff took a trip a few weeks ago to Greensboro to see Martinsville nylon running through the Carter Fabrics Mill of the J. P. Stevens Company. The trip was both a revelation and an education.

The management was very kind and carefully explained the steps it takes to make a fabric out of fibers. Three things were very impressive.

First, was the terrific amount of competition that nylon has. We saw Chemstrand Nylon, Rayon from our own plants and competitors, Estron, Orlon, "Dacron", Durene, Lurex and others—all competing for the customer's favor. Yes, we are actually "up to our necks" in competition!

The brutal facts are these: Most all yarns have been improved to the point where there is little basic difference between ours and those of competitors. About the only difference is the quality workmanship that goes into the construction of the fibers.

The second thing so impressive was, from the mill's point of view, quality work from each of its employees. Carter management has left no stone unturned to impress employees with the com-

petitive market they face today. Quality signs are all over the plant and first-class production is stressed in meetings and on the job. Their problems are the same as ours!

Mr. A. C. Bland, plant superintendent, told us that during and a good while after the war, Carter plants could sell all the fabrics they could make and that they had orders well ahead of production. Today, they face a market in which the customer is more than king—he is the sole determining factor as to how much and what types of fabrics are manufactured.

That sounds strangely like the situation we find ourselves in at Martinsville.

The third thing to impress us—and this was the most dramatic from our point of view—was the importance to them of quality nylon from our plant. It was as plain as the nose on our face that competitor's yarns were running, and running well on slashers, looms, quillers, etc. To keep "in the swim" our yarn must continue to do the same thing.

When you see all these yarns coming into the mill and being processed, you can easily see how much like a race it is. The good yarn makes it without defects, and the poor yarn makes a poor fabric.

Let's put ourselves in the place of the Carter management. Suppose that same Du Pont yarn was running and the operators complained of broken filaments, stains, mixes or bruised yarn—what would you do? Suppose this happened not once but frequently. What would you do? Would you feel inclined to order Du Pont yarn the next time? We believe you would feel the same way Mr. Milton Southerland, Plant manager, does: "We like your yarn but it must be of the best quality since our margin of profit in this business will not permit us to tolerate inferior yarns."

If it were possible to transport all of our employees bodily to a mill such as the Carter mill and let them watch our yarns being processed into fabric, we think it would serve as a real jolt to any super confidence we have that just because our name is Du Pont we'll go right on selling yarn even though it is not top quality.

The customer is the boss, remember, and in our case, it's the mills that get good yarn from us that continue to buy from us and assure us job security.

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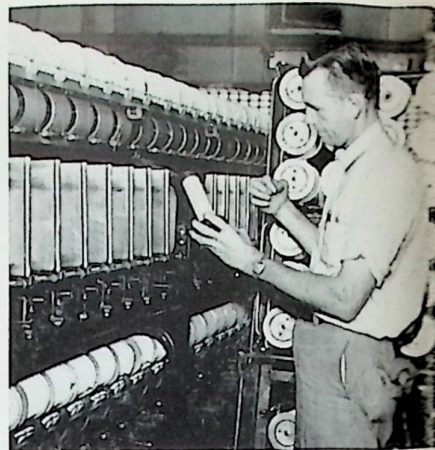
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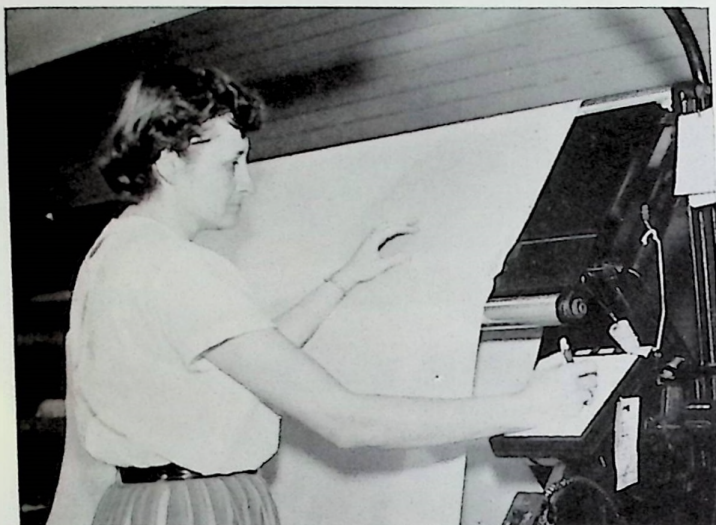
FIRST STEP at the Carter Mill is to get the yarn to the various machines for processing. Cecil Coltrane is shown opening several cases of Martinsville nylon.



WINDING puts nylon on spools. Operators like Mary Toomes look for yarn defects. Here she ties a break caused by broken filaments. They are headaches.



UPTWISTING area has 26,000 spindles. Morris King was forced to stop a position because of a ringer, a group of broken filaments, and much time was lost.



CLOTH inspectress, Johnsie Brown, here found a "float," which was caused by a broken filament. This defect caused entanglement of warp ends resulting in improper shedding. Shedding caused shuttle to cross warp ends out of desired design ruining several yards of cloth.

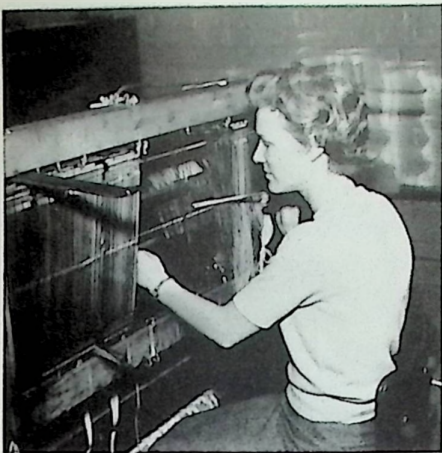
Employees Must Continue

IMPERFECTIONS—broken filaments, undrawn yarns, packing mixes, stains, wound-in waste, etc., cause an untold amount of trouble for our yarn customers if they are a part of the product shipped from our plant . . . and some are getting shipped. It is these few off-standard pirns that prove to be the "fly in the ointment."

"In weaving nylon into fabrics" explained Mr. A. C. Bland, Superintendent of the same Carter Fabrics Mill, "I would say that the majority of our troubles with your yarn come from broken filaments—a condition which is, to a certain degree, controllable by the operators in your plant and in our mill. Another which has given us some trouble, and which is certainly 100% controllable, is the infrequent packaging mix."

MILTON Southerland, General Manager of three Carter synthetic division plants of the J. P. Stevens Company, points out a yarn defect to H. B. Wellford, Du Pont Nylon Sales Representative. A. C. Bland, Greensboro plant Superintendent, looks on. The pirn was later replaced.





DRAWING pattern for looms is a very exacting job and establishes fabric pattern for weaving. Operators like Gloria Tesh need perfect yarn for this task.



WARPING brings together a large number of threads on one beam. Marion West had to stop operation due to broken filaments or knots in the pirns.



NORA KING runs a portion of 1,600 quilling spindles at this Carter plant. These prepare yarn for filling. Here unnecessary defects caused a break.

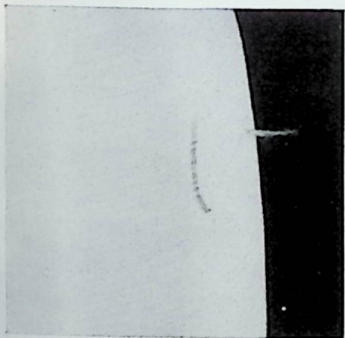
Produce Highest Grade Nylon

Actually, in processing our yarn in his mill, Mr. Bland thinks it compares favorably with the many other yarns they use, but, to improve the product's potential even further, he emphasized the inter-dependence of manufacturing and processing efforts and stated that quality in every operation is the key to success.

By virtue of our visit to this modern mill, it was possible to readily understand why and how slipshod products affect not only the job security of employees of the Martinsville plant, but also the interests of everyone connected with the processing, converting, cutting and selling of nylon.

It's not exaggerating to say quality is essential to all!

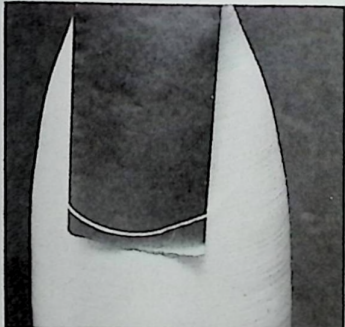
By Eliminating All Defects



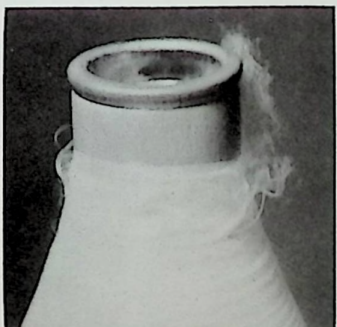
WOUND-IN waste can be detected in Textile and Inspection. It can cause untold trouble on our customers' modern, speedy machines.



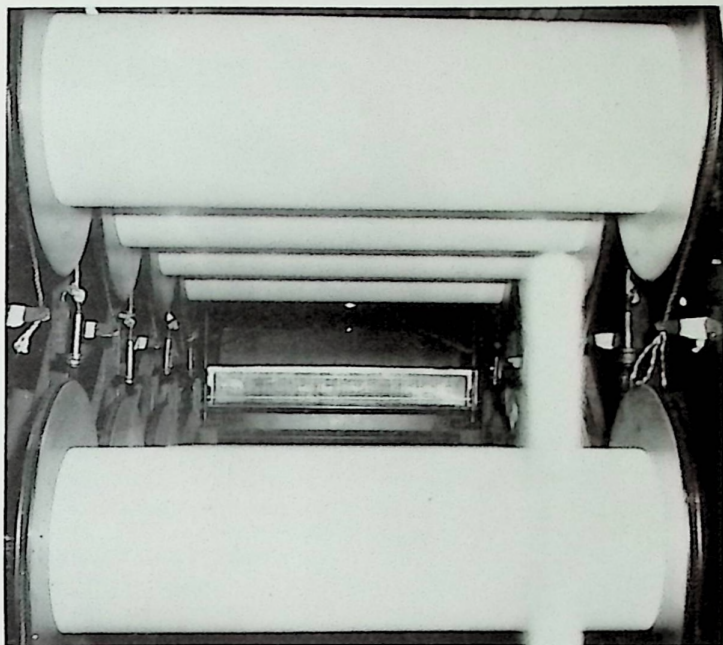
A **BAD** formation is another defect that causes mill people to "tear their hair". It may be readily caught in the Inspection area.



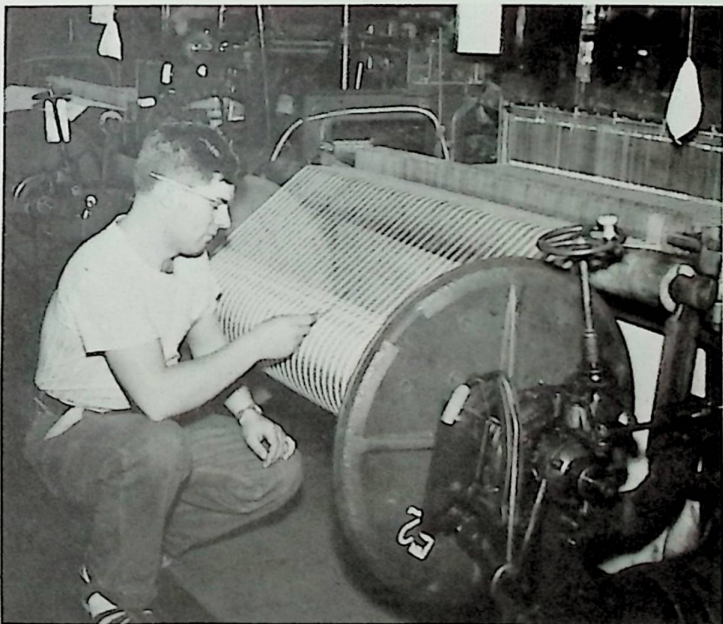
UNDRAWN yarn which should be noticed in Textile plays havoc with dyeing process of fabrics and can ruin yards of cloth for customers.



SLOUGHED pirns cause bad "take-offs" on customer machines and lead to delays, stops. They should be caught every time in Inspection.



THIS slashing operation shows over 5,000 ends converging on one loom beam. The yarn receives a protective coating (size) here so it can be woven safely. It doesn't take a detective to see what yarn defects could do to this operation which is one of the most important in the mill.



LOOM operators like Odell Freeman maintain vigil for broken filaments. In processing nylon, other defects watched for are mixes, stains, fluff balls. Here Mr. Freeman had to stop machine weaving nylon dress material due to yarn defect, thus losing both time and yards of cloth.

— THE END

"WHY I WANT MY MOTHER (DADDY) TO ALWAYS WORK SAFELY"

(Sponsored by Process Control)

THERE'S an old saying about not sending a boy to do a man's job. But if the boy (or girl) has the kind of thinking expressed in the letters below, we believe you will agree that one could do a lot worse than listen to a child. The BLENDER asked the sons and daughter of three Process Control employees to tell why they considered it important for their fathers and mothers to work safely. Their replies, which we share with you on this page, are their own. What reasons do you think your boy or girl would give if asked to write on the same subject? Why not try it out on them?



CARL BROWN
Age 8

"I don't want mother to get hurt. I want her to come home after work every time and not have to go to the hospital. We like to play games and go to the movies together. If she got hurt she couldn't play with me."

Carl Brown



CLYDIE BROWN
Denier Room



MARY BETH FULCHER
Age 9

"I want my daddy to work safely because if he doesn't he may get hurt or crippled. If he follows all safety rules he will be healthy and our family can go on trips together and have lots of fun."

Mary Beth Fulcher



CLYDE FULCHER
Solution Area



DOUGLAS BELCHER
Age 9

"I always want mother to work safely. It means when she comes home from work safe and happy, we can have fun playing ball, making candy and watching television. Mother also helps with the Cub Scout Meetings where they teach us Cubs the safe way to do things."

Douglas Belcher



AMOGENE BELCHER
Physical Test Lab

Speaking of *Expansion* Consider the *Chemical Industry*

Hardly an article of manufacture is made today without the use of chemicals. Chemical products enter into the fulfillment of all six basic needs of mankind—food, clothing, shelter, transportation and communication, health and welfare, tools and equipment. The U. S. Department of Commerce states that chemicals play a part in the manufacture of all of the groups listed in the Government's standard industrial classifications, and are therefore a focal point for defense, mobilization and business activities.

Important Statistics

The basic nature and size of this rapidly growing industry is indicated by the following statistics of the Commerce Department.

... Almost 20 per cent of the total output value of all U. S. nondurable manufactured products is produced by the chemical and allied industries.

... Since World War II the chemical and allied industries have been among the top three manufacturing industries in expenditure for new plants and equipment.

... Since 1925, industrial chemicals have shown an average annual growth rate of 9-10 per cent compared with the U. S. industry average of 3 per cent.

... These industries have been awarded about one-fifth of the total dollar volume covered by Certificates of Necessity granted to all manufacturing industries, and are exceeded in this respect only by the combined metals group.

... The industry employs 20 per cent of all research workers in the country. One in every 12 of its employees is a scientist, chemist or engineer. As a result, a steady stream of new commercial products, developed from chemical research, pours into the market at the rate of more than one a day. New medicinals, synthetic fibers, plastics, agricultural chemicals, and the like, constantly create thousands of new businesses and new employment.

... The chemical industry spends more for privately financed research and development per dollar of sales than any other industry in the United States or possibly in foreign lands.



... Chemical industry sales during 1954 kept pace with high levels of recent years and closely approximated the record-setting 1953 total of \$19.9 billion.

... Expansion of new plants and facilities is moving rapidly ahead. In 1954, privately financed projects representing an investment of more than \$1.2 billion were completed; others, representing an investment of \$1.5 billion, and now under construction or definitely planned, are scheduled for completion within the next three years. In addition, an estimated total of some \$3.3 billion government-financed construction of chemical facilities is now under way or planned, most of it under contract with chemical companies.

... Capital investment per wage earner in the chemical industry, among the highest in the manufacturing industries, increases with perplexity of modern chemical operations required for large-volume, low-unit cost production. The average capital investment per production worker is more than \$22,000.

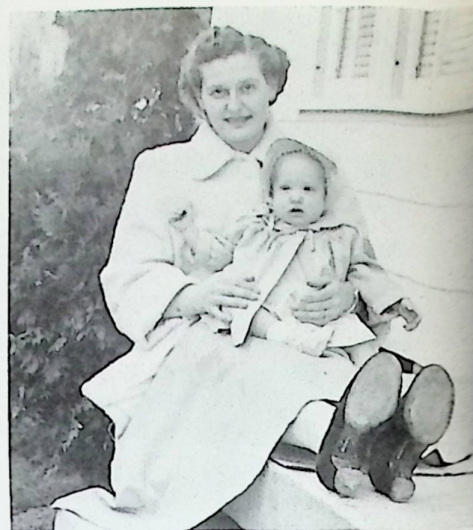
W. C. FOSTER (RIGHT), OF MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS' ASSOCIATION, DISCUSSES CHEMISTRY'S GROWTH WITH ANNOUNCER BILL SHIPLEY.



HOW NOT TO MAKE PICTURES



YOU don't need several hundred dollars worth of photographic equipment and a knowledge of higher mathematics to make good snapshots. Even with the simplest kind of box camera, such as BLENDER Photographer Tarleton Andes is explaining to Irene Burnette, Tabulating, left, you can have lots of fun and make pictures which will delight you and your friends. On these pages are illustrated eight of the errors most frequently made by the photographic novice. The matching picture shows the correct way to make the same shot. Study of these photographic "do's" and "don't's" should improve the quality of the vacation snapshots you plan to make this summer or other times.



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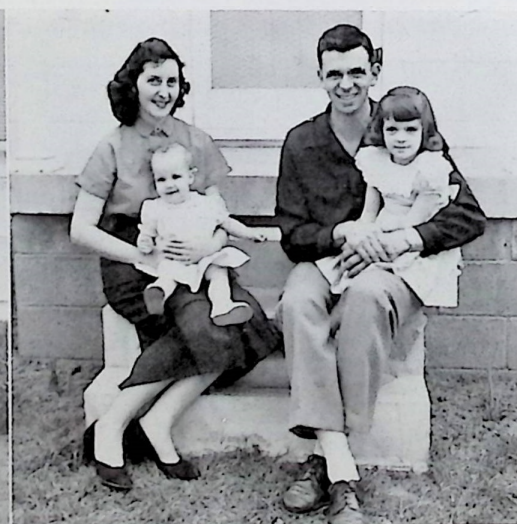
WRONG TIMING:

Young children are, by far, the favorite camera subjects, but you must be prepared to snap picture quickly. It's best to get a half dozen shots of tots like Donna Gail, 16-month-old daughter of Marie Light, "A" Shift, Textile. Same care should be used in "shooting" pets.



FINGER OVER LENS:

This is sign the le Subject Flahe



TOO FAR FROM SUBJECT:

Frequent fault of beginner's snaps is too much background. Avoid this by standing close enough to make most interesting feature (in this case, Arlie Burnette, "D" Shift, P. & S. with wife, Helen and daughters, little Linda Kay and Joyce Ann), dominate picture.

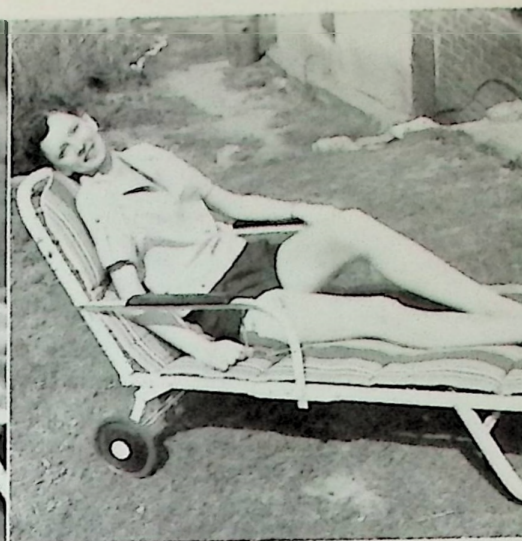


DOUBLE EXPOSURE:

Takin altho photo expos wife



wouldn't be impressed with your photo-
iff posed so her feet appear as on the
oase so feet will not be too close to
Miss Elizabeth Spencer, "A" Shift, Textile,
Scandra, age 1, who seems unconcerned.

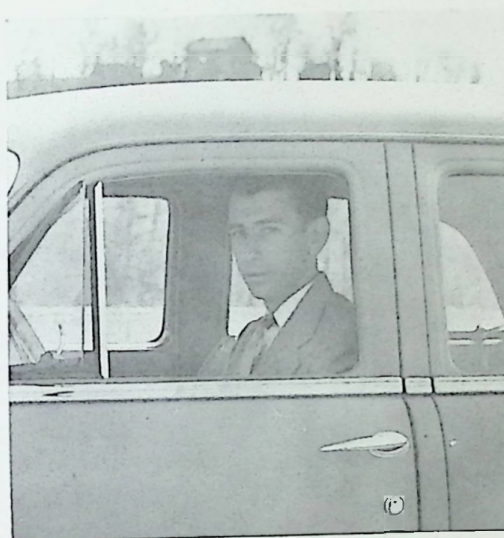


OUT OF FOCUS:

If principal part of the photograph is blurred, the focus is at fault. The range of sharpness is very limited at short distances, so for close-ups its important to judge distances accurately. Girl here is Doris Wade, "A" Shift, Textile, who was caught getting a tan in the April sun.



major bugaboo to the novice. Picture
y in view finder, then unthinkingly, over
he finger as shutter release is pressed.
is Carol Ann Flaherty, daughter of Al
S. Carol is on the courthouse cannon.



POOR LIGHTING:

Light must be on the subject to get a properly exposed negative. To correct this common error, subject (John Dillard, Methods and Planning) was asked by photographer to lean out of window so right light would be on the face. Note big difference in both the subject and car.



s can one film isn't good photography
effects, such as at left, result. Alert
ways wind film at once after making
its: are Howard Corns, "D" P. & S.,
and daughter, Debra Ann, age 2½.



SHOOTING INTO SUN:

This is another very common mistake of amateurs and causes heavy and dark shadows across the subject. Picture will also lack details. Photographer should always have back to sun's rays. Pretty model here is Alene Rogers, Stores, viewing one of plant's tulip beds.

Can You Tell . . . "Which One Is My



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I

IDENTIFICATION OF MOTHERS

A—VIVIAN COLEMAN
"C" Shift Textile
Type-8

E—IRENE HELMS
"C" Shift
Denier Room

B—EVELYN MORRIS
"B" Shift Textile
Type-8

F—GLADYS GRAY
Stenographic

C—BETTY TAYLOR
Maintenance

G—TRULA FIELDS
"A" Shift
Inspection

D—IRIS MARTIN
"A" Shift Textile
Type-9

H—MARGARET HERRINGTON
Cafeteria

I—GERTRUDE VAUGHN
"A" Shift
Inspection

Mother?"

EVERY DAY is Mother's Day! But once each year we set aside a date in May for special recognition of the sweetheart of each family. (This year it was May 8). It is on this day that children everywhere—young and old—pay tribute to Mother.

In recognition of the many Mothers in our plant, as well as Mothers of our employees everywhere, the BLENDER presents this picture quiz.

Test your skill at readily matching the children on this page with the Mothers on the opposite page. Careful study of all pictures will probably reveal several physical characteristics which will help you to correctly match these families.

Make your selections, then look at the answers on page 15. (Place in the parentheses after each letter the number which you think correctly matches each child on this page with the mother shown on the opposite page.) If you matched all nine correctly, you must have peeked at the answers! If you matched seven correctly, you are probably a father or mother yourself! If you made five correct selections, you didn't spend enough time studying the faces! And, if you missed them all, you must be destined to always be a Bachelor or an Old Maid!

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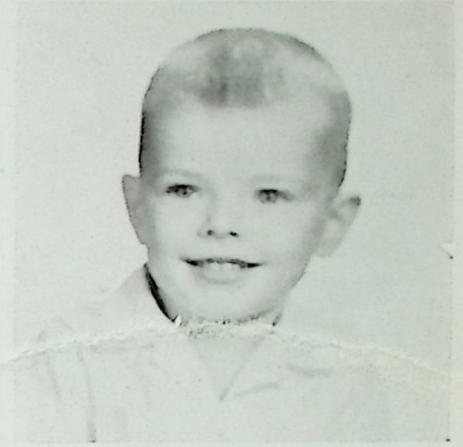
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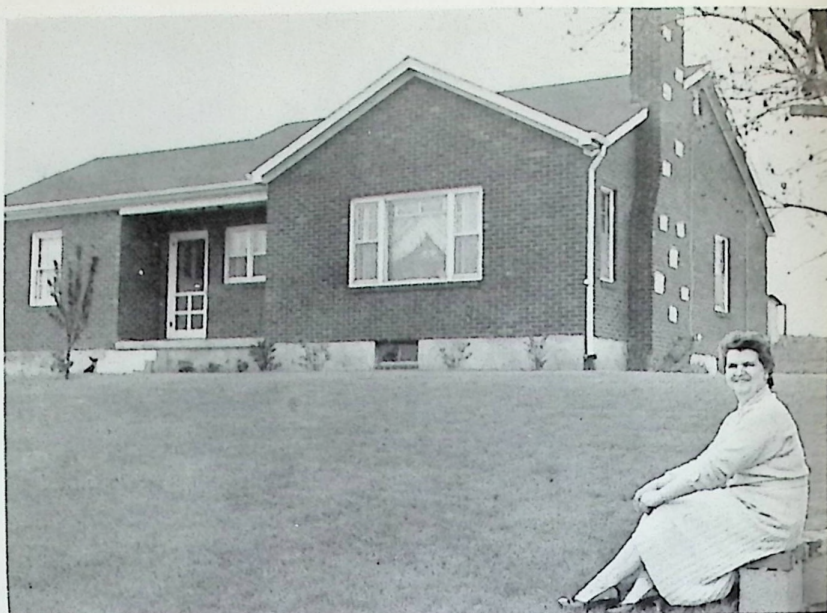


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THIS beautiful brick home of Dan and Frances Rea, Day Crew, P. & S. and "A" Shift, Textile, was built in 1952. It is located on Route 58, approximately four miles from city of Martinsville.



The Modern Trend Is . . .

TO BUY OR BUILD "A HOUSE OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN"

WHEN a Martinsville Nylon Plant family buys a home today, chances are it will be located "outside of town" in one of the many developments which have sprung up since the end of World War II.

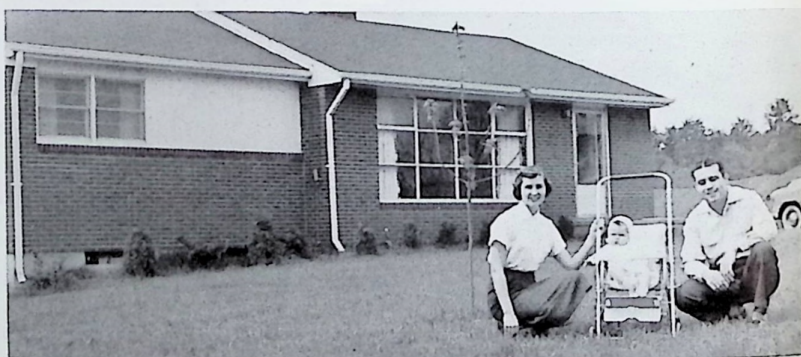
The local trend is in tune with the national pattern. For the sixth successive year, U. S. builders are rearing homes at a rate in excess of one million units a year. Percentagewise, "Suburbia" is growing faster than the nation itself; since 1947, U. S. population has increased by 11 percent; in the same period, Suburbia's population has grown by 43 percent. A recent *Fortune* magazine article reports that 30 million Americans now live in the United States suburban communities.

Time was when suburban living was enjoyed largely by the wealthy. In the past 25 years, however, tremendous changes have taken place. First, mass ownership of cars made it unnecessary for people to live close to their jobs. Most important was rising industrial productivity which moved millions of families into income brackets that enabled them to buy homes. Today, there are over 15 million families in America with annual cash income—after personal taxes—of between \$4,000 and \$7,500. 25 years ago there were only five and a half million with this income.

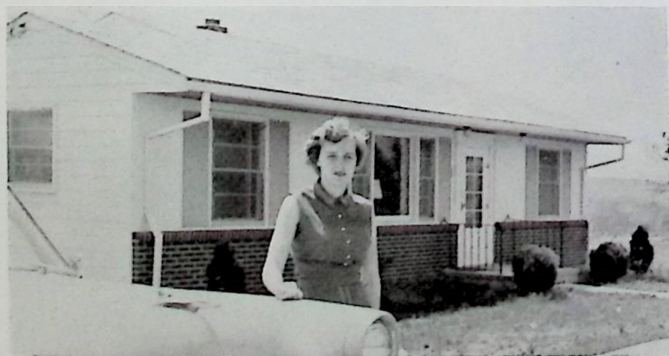
Fortune estimates that by 1960, at the present rate, Suburbia's population will rise to the astounding figure of 40 million.



ALMA BURNLEY, "A" Shift, Textile, moved into this cinder block-stucco home in November. It is located in Arlington Heights.



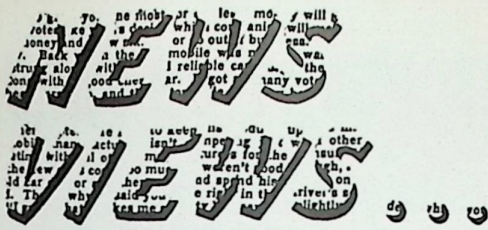
THIS brick-veneer home of Carl Brown, "A" Shift, P. & S. and his family, was completed in July of 1954. It is in Rich Acres, two miles from town.



DOROTHY COMPTON, "A" Shift, Textile, and her husband, Mason, built near their relatives on the Morgan's Ford Road.



BILL and Bea Gilley, "A" Shift, P. & S. and P. T. Lab, moved into this beautiful brick home in August of 1954. It is also located in Rich Acres.



SCHOOL VISITORS

SENIOR members of the commercial classes of Floyd, Willis and Check High Schools visited here in April. They toured plant and were addressed by Accounting Superintendent, W. B. Huffaker. Picture was made at Lynwood Club where group had a picnic.



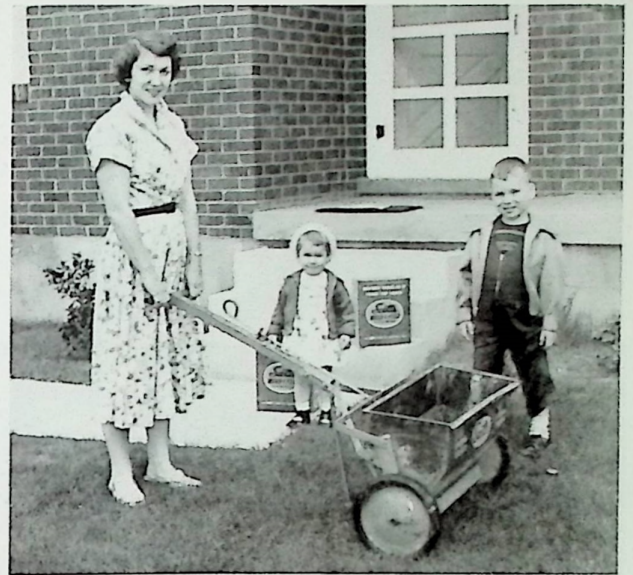
VETERAN ACTIVITIES



MABEL LAWSON, wife of Robert Lawson, Textile Maintenance, is typical of hundreds of Du Pont wives who are busy with flower gardens, lawns, etc., at this season. Son, Ronald, and daughter, Janet, are lending Mrs. Lawson all their moral support.

(LEFT to right from top): Victoria Morris has been promoted to A/3C and is stationed at Sheppard A. F. B., Texas; Don Miller, Charles Clement and Samuel Sutliff returned to plant since the last "BLENDER." Don was in Germany 19 months with 540th General Dispensary. Charles was in Navy 2½ years on U. S. S. Lake Champlain and Sam served on the U. S. S. Galilea and the U. S. S. Iowa 2 years.

SPRING IS SPRUNG



SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS



(TOP): Bill Mease, Acting Pipe Coverer Foreman, presents suggestion award check to O. C. Thomasson for redesigning pan insulation for spinning machines; (Below): Katie Highfield, Forelady, does same for James Carter who suggested a new method of salvaging our expensive export cartons for plant reuse.

LADIES' DAY BOWLING LEAGUE CHAMPS



(LEFT to right): Hazel Thompson, Sammie Torrey, Nancy Draper, Virginia Pase, Florence McCullough, Dot Smylie. They won over six other teams in league. Congratulations, girls.

... AND LOSERS



(LEFT to right): Peggy Grundy, Helen Cole, Harriet Sharps, Ada Palmer, Evelyn Noble, Dot North. They lost out in the championship games but proved to be extra good sports.

BOWLING SEASON ENDS; "B" SHIFT GIRLS PLANT CHAMPS

THE Plant Bowlers completed a highly successful season on March 30. Since October 5, interest has remained high in each of the leagues. In the Girls' Plant League, the regular season ended March 30 with "A" Shift the winners, followed by Accounting, "C" Shift and "B" Shift. In the semi-final play-offs, "B" Shift defeated Accounting and "A" Shift eliminated "C"

Shift. For the championship "B" won out over "A" in a 3 out of 5 game match. The BLENDER congratulates the members of all the teams for their fine spirit and sportsmanship.

We have pictured here the girls' league champs and runners-up. The men's league champs and Industrial League teams will be featured in June. Their season ended too late for this issue.



CHAMPS

(BOTTOM ROW, L. to R.): Dot Ferguson, Audrey Quesenberry, Jewell Feazell. (Top) Belva Stone, Margaret Pratt, Barbara Cooper. Absent when picture was made: M. Woody.

SEASON WINNERS

(BOTTOM, L. to R.): June Moseley, Evelyn Lovette, Mary Sheppard; (Top) Parralee Davis, Minnie Martin, "Teet" Hill. Absent when picture was made: Eunice Mullinix, who was on leave.



MARTIN HAD SEASON'S HIGH AVERAGE—99



"B" SHIFT CAPTAIN—MARGARET PRATT



"A" SHIFT CAPTAIN—PARRALEE DAVIS

ADOPTED SUGGESTIONS--FIRST QUARTER, 1955

EMPLOYEE

P. & S., T-8
Fred L. Newman
Herbert A. Thorne
K. V. Galloway
Robert E. Gravely
Terry R. Eggleston

P. & S., T-9
John R. Whitlow
William G. Hill
Otha N. Young
Clyde W. Dance
Billy H. Cruise

TEXTILE, T-8
Beverly W. Padgett
Hope L. Conway

TEXTILE, T-9
Lena C. Gusler

Earl A. Spears
Frances L. Foster
Francis G. O'Dell
Edna Nester

INSPECTION
AND SHIPPING
Charlie W. Thompson
Ethelcane G. Lawrence
Catherine Pearman
Frances Taylor
Barbara Wray

POWER
Thomas B. Cline
C. J. Cunningham (2)
H. C. Marshall, Jr.
L. S. Swain

MAINTENANCE
W. R. Ricketts
George W. Barker
Holland D. Pace
O. C. Thomasson
P. T. Morris
Rufus W. Joyce
R. E. Miller
D. O. Newman

PROJECT
M. A. Brown

PROCESS CONTROL
Katherine C. Wright
Lora J. Atkins

ACCOUNTING
Ben C. Payne

P. & S., T-8
A. W. McMillion, Jr.
John W. Mattox
Herbert L. Dillon
Edward D. Ramsey
Raymond L. Ashburn
Johnnie A. Forbes
Robert S. Callahan
Charles A. Lemons, Jr.

P. & S., T-9
Ronald H. Thompson
James P. Chapell
Odell G. Mabe (2)
William G. Hill (2)
R. L. Watkins
Irvin W. Stone

SAFETY

TEXTILE, T-8
Virginia Nichols
Clarice H. Brown

TEXTILE, T-9
Frances L. Foster

POWER
W. L. Robbins

MAINTENANCE
George E. Spencer
Sul V. Pritchard
Espa S. Stanley
W. G. Harris
J. B. Gilbert, Jr.
William F. Dryden
Rufus W. Joyce

PROJECT
W. F. Dryden

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .



Barbara Bolejack, Inspection, to Wayne Hampton, Fieldale, Va.

Ernestine Martin, Textile, to Lee Gilbert, Washington, D. C.

Betty Carter, Textile, to Ralph Byrd, Bassett, Va.



Barbara Martin, Textile and Kenneth Parcell, Martinsville, Va.

Ruth Dooley, Inspection and Earl Mills, Martinsville, Va.

Geneva Blue, Textile and Wallace Barker, Danville, Va.

Goldia Peters, Textile and Jim Prillaman, Henry, Va.

Betty Coulson, Textile and Frank Harris, Bassett, Va.

Roberta Joyce, Inspection and Webb Patterson, Leaksville, N. C.

Mildred A. Holland, P. T. Lab and Marshall Lawrence, Axton, Va.

Madge Foley, Textile and Edward Bryant of Ferrum, Va.

Aurie Moore, Textile, and Dan White.



Irma M. Nolen, Textile, a daughter, Vickie Sue, February 9.

Margaret and Walter Prillaman, Accounting and Project, a daughter, Mary Lou, April 4.

Shelton Blackwell, Design, a son, Gordon Stuart, May 1.

Emily and Don Weick, Accounting and M. & P., a son, David Robert, April 28.

Nancy Price, Textile, a son, Leonard Allen.

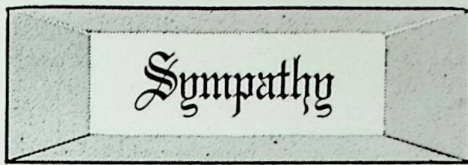
James E. Hite, Design, a daughter, Patricia Lynn, April 14.

J. S. Dallas, Textile, a daughter, Mary Catherine, April 16.

Betty Moore, Textile, a son, April 26.

Ben Thomas Haynes, P. & S. T-9, a daughter, Denise Lynn, March 31.

Lois Bouldin, Textile, a girl, April 5.



The plant personnel extends deepest sympathy to:

Doug Gerringer in the death of his father.

Pauline Divers in the death of her father-in-law.

Dove Adkins in the death of her sister-in-law.

Tolitha Dillon in the death of her uncle.

Bertie Wright in the death of her grandmother.

Virginia Price in the death of her uncle.

Rachel Young in the death of her grandfather.

Phebe Woods in the death of her father-in-law.

Mary Cox in the death of her grandfather.

Nancy McClung in the death of her uncle.

Kitty Brown in the death of her grandmother.

Christine Brown in the death of her grandmother.

Hazel Turner in the death of her uncle.

Frances Foley in the death of her uncle.

John Tuggle in the death of his brother-in-law.

Lynn and Rosie Craig in the death of their infant son.

Answers To

"Which One Is My Mother?"

Pages 10 and 11

A-(8) Sandra Kay Coleman; B-(3) John Edwin Morris, III; C-(6) Bobby Taylor; D-(9) Deborah Martin; E-(1) Frances Ann Helms; F-(4) George Gray; G-(7) Anna Marie Fields; H-(2) Bobby Herrington; I-(5) Nancy Lee Vaughn.

WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

Question: Are U. S. family incomes rising?

Answer: Yes. A recent Department of Commerce study shows that family incomes are the highest in history; for non-farm families, "real" income after taxes is up 10 per cent since 1947, up 30 per cent since 1929. The Commerce Department study shows that since 1947, the number of U. S. families with incomes under \$4,000 has decreased by one-fifth, while the number with incomes over \$4,000 has increased by more than 70 per cent.

Fifteen

Question: Why is technical assistance to customers so important in Du Pont operations?

Answer: The reason is that approximately 95 per cent of Du Pont products, in sales value, are sold to other manufacturers for further processing. This means that an essential element of the company's selling effort must be technical assistance to customers in their use of Du Pont products. Because sales service has become increasingly technical, a large proportion of Du Pont sales personnel hold scientific degrees or have extensive technical backgrounds. With Du Pont's type of business the key to selling is: show the customer how he can use Du Pont materials to make and sell his own products with greater profit.

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Question: How many group stockholders does Du Pont have?

Answer: Of Du Pont's more than 150,000 stockholders, over 21,000, or 14 per cent, are institutions or groups. Included in this category are 545 colleges, 216 hospitals, 516 insurance companies, 412 churches and 675 charitable institutions. Through such organizations, untold thousands of individuals such as insurance policy holders, students in colleges, and patients in hospitals have an indirect interest in the successful operation of Du Pont.

ORGANIZATION CHANGE



JOHN ENGLE, Shift Supervisor, P. & S., was transferred to the Home Furnishings Merchandising Section, Sales Div., Wilmington, 4/16.

5 YEARS' SERVICE

Virginia G. Wright.....Textile T-8
Marianne Kunze.....Textile T-9
Eleandor Lynch.....Textile T-8
Mabel Mills.....Textile T-8
Doris Fowlkes.....Textile T-9
Charles Martin.....P. & S. T-8
James Penn.....Service
Mavis Rice.....Textile T-9
Dorothy Hennis.....Textile T-9
Arthur Marshall.....P. & S. T-9
Davis W. Pagana.....P. & S. T-9
John Coleman.....Textile T-9
Henry Childress....Methods & Planning
Gordon Dunnington.....Maintenance
Stanley Giddings.....Process

Lest We Forget



MEMORIAL Day, May 30. What does it mean to us? Picnics and parades, golf and gun-shooting, flags and fishing. More important, though, are the moments of silence we offer in sincere thanks to our truly heroic Gold Star servicemen.

Remember the many close shaves during World War II, the times when victory seemed impossible? Bataan and Bastogne . . . Kasserine and Salerno . . . Tarawa, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. Just a few. Yet supreme sacrifices by our men in all branches of service kept us free, virtually handed us the liberty we enjoy today.

Six Martinsville Nylon Plant men gave their lives in that struggle: Lylburn H. Anglin, Jack A. Brown,

Ryland D. Compton, Milton E. Harris, James T. Mitchell, and Joseph H. Vipperman. The next time you visit the Cafeteria take a look at the plaque as Louise Compton, nurse, is doing. Her husband "went down with his ship" in November, 1942.

Our Gold Star roster represents several areas. You know the story about how they worked together here on the plant and in the services. You know what they achieved. You know, too, how they ditched their petty prejudices and pitched in side by side. That is what they would want us to do today.

It is fitting, then, that we honor these men here. Let's not forget what they did for us all over there to keep America "the land of the free—home of the brave."



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING—THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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RALPH CANTER & JAMES PLASTER.....Gen. Shops-Maint.
NANCY H. HALL.....Design Group
WALTER PRILLAMAN.....Project Group
JEWEL MCMILLAN.....Spinneret Mfr.

Accounting

MARY E. SPENCER.....Stenographic, Cost
ANNE EGGLESTON.....Records, Tabulating,
O. & I., Time Office

Service

PATSY WINGFIELD.....Medical
RUTH NELSON.....Purchasing
HELEN COX.....Personnel
POLLY JONES.....Cafeteria
BRANTON MARTIN.....Protection & Safety
OCTAVIA PERKINSON.....Stores
JAMES EDWARDS.....Bobbin Storage
WILLIAM TRAVIS.....Janitors
JAMES PENN.....Yard Laborers & Garage

Your Child and A Career

Why are more and more parents guiding their youngsters toward successful careers in the engineering profession? There are good reasons.

This June, many young men and women, stepped out of our engineering and scientific colleges into positions that pay higher-than-average starting salaries.

Largely because of sound parental advice and educational guidance as early as the grade school years, these young engineering graduates will have a head-start on other young people in professions that have become the most important and critical in America today.

What future awaits these young men and women engineers and scientists?

For one thing they will be employed immediately after graduation: Most of them have already been sought out by industry and business to fill the nation's fast-growing technical demands. Long-range needs in all phases of the economy demand MANY MORE. The nation's growing dependence on technology and the dawn of the atomic age point to a need for engineers for many years to come.

They will have limitless opportunities:

Young engineers are sought after today at good starting salaries. No field of endeavor holds more opportunity for advancement, and there is hardly a limit to the amount of money they may make at top levels in their profession.

They will be doing interesting work:

Today's engineers are working in all phases of the economy. They constantly work to improve modern business and modern living. Engineering graduates will join other engineers working on rocket designs and electronics, in various phases of production, in business management, highway construction and food processing. Many will become the salesmen of today's intricate machines to both manufacturers and consumers.

They will be doing useful work:

Engineers are serving mankind in every field. The food, clothing, shelter, transportation, communications, heat and light used in this country are only some of the things which engineers help to produce. The graduates who go out into industry and business will be working for progress, for peace and for the defense of the American way of life.

More than any other group, these young people with professional training offer something modern industry wants and needs.

Engineering is open to those who start preparing for it long before entering college. Certain high school subjects are required to qualify for engineering training. These subjects—including mathematics and the sciences—are not only essential to the prospective engineers but, moreover, they are useful in all professions.

For youngsters who wish to be engineers, there are aptitude tests to determine ability. For many, there are scholarships provided by industry at leading engineering colleges throughout the country. If you are interested in the future of your children, help them prepare for a fruitful life as engineers and scientists.

The Rule of Three

THREE things to govern: temper, tongue and conduct. Three things to cultivate: courage, affection and gentleness. Three things to commend: thrift, industry and promptness. Three things to dispise: cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude. Three things to wish for: health, contentment and friends. Three things to admire: dignity, intellectual power and gratefulness. Three things to give: alms to the needy, comfort to the sad, and appreciation to the worthy.

THE COVER

(LEFT TO RIGHT) Phil Martin, son of Hugh Martin, Maintenance, and Ralph Ensley, son of Trula Ensley, Textile, typify scores of young Du Ponters who are celebrating the close of school. Many like these two are visiting their favorite fishing holes, while others take to baseball or other sports to entertain them for the summer.

Pension Plan Exceeds Early Payroll

Du Pont today sets aside as much money for its non-contributory pension plan as it paid out in all wages and salaries little more than a quarter-century ago. In 1954 the company set aside over \$31 million to cover obligations that will arise as present workers are pensioned. By contrast, in 1927, the entire Du Pont payroll was less than \$28 million while it now is about \$450 million.



WANT TO BE YOUR OWN BOSS?

Dreams of Owning Your Own Business Might Develop Into Nightmares

Ever wish you had your own business? Sure you have—everybody dreams of someday being his “own boss”.

Well, let's put you in business for yourself. It doesn't cost anything to daydream—or to have nightmares. But if you wake up screaming, don't say we didn't warn you.

You'll need a product. How about dog houses? The market should be terrific. Dogs are here to stay and housing is definitely limited for both dogs and wayward husbands.

You'll need a factory. That's easy—we'll use your garage. Then we'll run an ad in the paper, “WANTED, people to build and sell dog houses!”

Now you'll need some money to buy tools, wood, nails, paint. And you'll have to advertise your product, pay heat, light and power bills, and to meet your first payrolls. You'll need quite a lot of money to do all these things.

You don't have any extra money? Well, just borrow it from the bank. You won't get all you need but you can sell stock to people—if you can convince them to part with their hard earned cash in return for the possibility that you will be able to make money from this dog house business and pay them something for using their money.

Now you're ready to sit back and relax and watch the money roll in. How much will you make? If you are as successful as the average business in this country you will make 3.3 cents on each dollar that comes in from the sale of your dog houses. This money is called the profit.

What happened to the other 96.7 cents? Remember the wood, the nails, the paint, the heat, the light, the power, the wages, the salesmen's commissions?

Oh well, you still have 3.3 cents from each dollar—or do you? Out of that 3.3 cents known as profit you'll have to replace broken hammers, worn out saws, old paint brushes. And don't forget the payments to the bank on the money you borrowed to get started. Then there's the little matter of dividends to your stockholders on the money they invested with you and this dog house “kick”.

And you will have to pay corporate taxes of 52 per cent on these profits of yours. That will cut it down to less than half of your 3.3 cents on each dollar.

Now if you have any money left over you would be smart to invest it (or lay it aside) for things like: an extension on your garage so you can put more people to work and make more dog houses, better machinery to make dog houses faster, research to find out what most dogs want in a dog house.

EVERY ONE WANTS PROFITS

And, of course, you will have a lot of groups telling you what you should do with those “huge profits” of yours—mainly to give it to them in one form or another.

Pretty soon a fellow down the street will go into the dog house business and begin selling a bigger or more colorful dog house for less money than you sell yours. Then you will lay awake nights trying to figure ways to improve your dog

house—and make it cheaper at the same time.

Does all this sound fantastic? Do you feel like sticking your head in the sand? Well (in miniature and terribly over simplified) this is typical of the problems

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO PROFITS?

If you had been in business since 1948 (and were typical of most corporations) you would be producing and selling almost 30 per cent more goods in 1954 than you were in 1948—but you would be making less profit in 1954 than in 1948.*

During these same years wages and salaries and other forms of personal income have increased 35 per cent.

*From the National Association of Manufacturers report dealing with profits after taxes, not adjusted for inventory valuation.

of American business and industry today. Yet thousands of small businesses are formed every year and many of them grow into healthy, big industries, surmounting the odds against them and the obstacles in their way—providing jobs and incomes for millions of men and women.

It is something you can do anytime you feel you have the energy, the capacity for self-sacrifice, the willingness to gamble with your time—your money—your reputation—your future.

Still want to have your own business? Still want to be your own boss? If you're not afraid of the problems, if you're satisfied with the rewards—go ahead. It's up to you! And more power to you

The COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

As you drive out Route 108 north by Figsboro toward Snow Creek you come to two signs not so far from Martinsville. The first welcomes you to the Figsboro community; the second to Figsboro-Pleasant Grove. The two signs were erected by Improvement Associations of the two communities. Each group consists of around 100 members . . . all dedicated to improving the appearance of their homes and their farms, of the highways, of their driveways, their churches and other things intended for more enjoyable living.

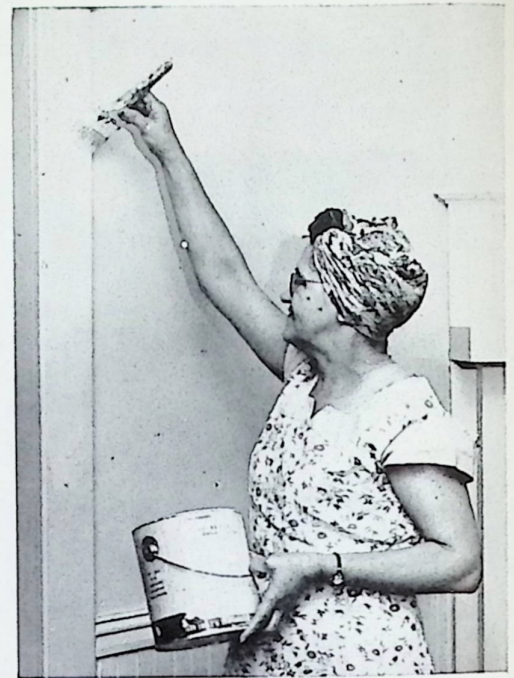
In many instances you can quickly see some of the things that have been done as you drive along. Unique stands for mail boxes are among them and almost every residence has been given a name, adding to its distinguishment. The improvements are not confined to the main highway. They extend down other roads leading into Route 108.

In addition to these improvements, the Figsboro-Pleasant Grove Association has built a community club house on the west side of Route 108 a few miles north of the Henry County line. A magnificent structure, it was built largely by members and their neighbors. It stands as a monument to the vision, ambition and desires of a

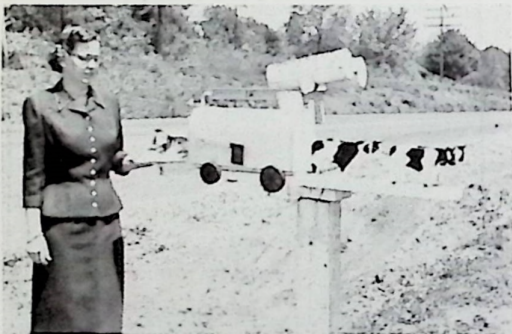
community looking for a little bit more in the way of neighborliness and community life than could be afforded by confining themselves to their own chores and households. The building—handsomely designed and well constructed—represents an investment of around \$5,500. A major portion of the debt has been paid, and the remainder will be paid off by lawn suppers and other events. A similar club house is now being constructed by the Figsboro Club.

Organized in 1952, the Figsboro-Pleasant Grove Club won first prize in Franklin County in 1953 and the Roanoke Area second prize the same year. Similar honors came to the Figsboro Club in 1954, the first year organized, when it won the first prize in Henry County and the fifth prize in the area.

Both associations in which many Du Pont employees are members, are doing an excellent job and the BLENDER congratulates them. We urge all of you to take time to drive through these communities and note how they live up to the slogan of the National Association (started in the Tennessee Valley in 1950): "BETTER HOMES—HAPPIER LIVING THROUGH UNITED EFFORTS." It will be a trip that will refresh and delight you.



MRS. W. L. JAMISON is shown here painting her living room. Painting of both inside and outside of houses is one of the goals of all members of Community Improvement Clubs.



DORIS AMOS, "C" Shift, Inspection, is a member of the Figsboro Club. She is shown getting letters from mailbox on a unique stand beside Route 108.



ALMOST every residence has been given a name. Cathleen Pigg, "C" Shift Denier Room, poses beside sign in front of her new home.



THE Highway Department has cooperated with each of the communities by erecting new markers and route signs along road.



(LEFT) Many residents have constructed lakes for recreation purposes. Here (L. to R.) Betty Carter, Doris, Cathleen and Claris Burton all of "C" Shift, Textile, visit one on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Metz. Cathleen is in the Figsboro-Pleasant Grove Club—others are in the Figsboro Club.

(RIGHT) Bobby Jamison, "B" Shift, P. & S., has just completed painting outside of his home in Figsboro-Pleasant Grove. He has also dug basement. Here Dorothy Jamison is pictured with daughter, Sandra, and nieces, Gail Brown and Shelia.





THE Figsboro-Pleasant Grove Community Club includes approximately 120 families in both Franklin and Henry Counties. Club was organized in May of 1952 and won county first prize and area second prize in 1953. It has several Du Ponters as members.



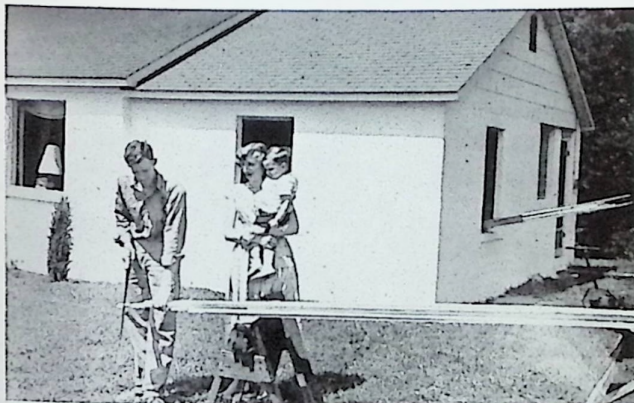
CLUB house above was built largely by the Community Club members and represents an investment of approximately \$5,500. Here members hold meetings, social gatherings, card parties, etc. Money for debt is being realized from suppers and other socials.



THE Figsboro Community Club house is now nearing completion and should be ready for functions this summer. Like club above, it is being built by volunteers from the area and will be paid for in same manner. In front of club is Claris Burton with son, Marvin.



THE majority of the residents along Route 108 north of the city limits for approximately eight miles comprise the Figsboro Community Club. This group also won honors as Henry County first prize winners in 1954 and placed fifth in the Roanoke Area.



(LEFT) Many club members have improved their homes. Richard Jamison, "C" Shift, P. & S., adds room and porch to his home while wife, Frances ("C" Shift, Textile), and their son, Roger, look on.

CHURCH improvement, beautification and attendance encouragement are goals of club members. Cathleen Pigg and Marie Shumate, "C" Shift, Textile, pose in front of Jones Chapel, beneficiary of program.



OLDEST farmers in the Figsboro-Pleasant Grove Club are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year. He still does a great deal of own farm work.



A TYPICAL Community Club supper which members sponsor periodically to raise funds for their various community projects. These affairs attract hundreds from all over Henry and Franklin Counties who want a real meal at modest prices. If you are an ulcer patient or on a diet, you had better not attempt one of the tempting meals groups sponsor during the year.



EARNEST MOORE, PUMP ROOM, AND SON DAVID WAYNE

WHAT ARE FATHERS MADE OF?

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following excerpts are from Paul Harvey of ABC and we use them here as a tribute to Du Pont fathers and fathers everywhere on HIS day, June 19.*

A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.

A father is a thing that growls when it feels good . . . and laughs very loud when it's scared half to death.

A father is sometimes accused of giving too much time to his business when the little ones are growing up.

That's partly fear, too.

Fathers are much more easily frightened than mothers.

A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in a child's eyes.

He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks . . . never quite the man his son believes him to be . . . and this worries him, sometimes.

So he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.

A father is a thing that gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be.

Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what's inside.

Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough . . . so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's.

Fathers fight dragons . . . almost daily.

They hurry away from the breakfast table . . .

Off to the arena which is sometimes called an office or a workshop . . .

There, with calloused, practiced hands they tackle the dragon with three heads . . . Weariness, Work, and Monotony.

And they never quite win the fight but they never give up.

Knights in shining armor . . .

Fathers in shiny trousers . . . there's little difference . . .

As they march away to each workday.

Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who'll live the longest.

Though they know the odds they keep right on betting . . .

Even as the odds get higher and higher . . . they keep on betting . . . more and more.

And one day they lose.

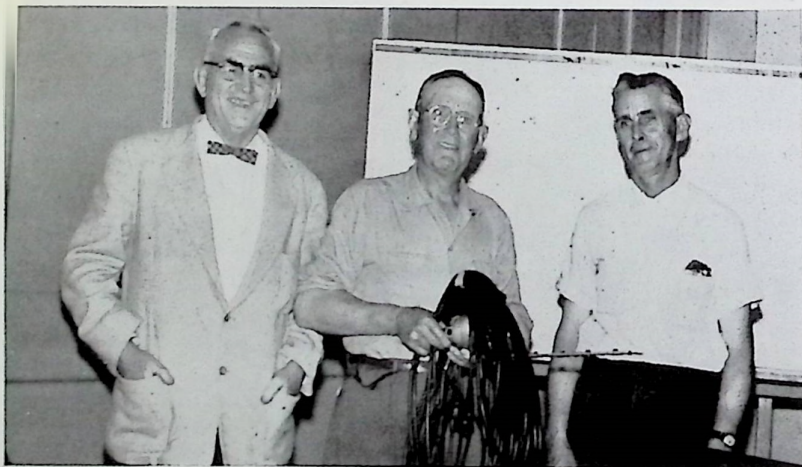
But fathers enjoy an earthly immortality . . . and the bet's paid off to the part of him he leaves behind.

I don't know . . . where fathers go . . . when they die.

But I've an idea that after a good rest . . . wherever it is . . . he won't be happy unless there's work to do.

He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore . . .

He'll be busy there, too . . . repairing the stairs . . . oiling the gates . . . improving the streets . . . smoothing the way.



"MR. BOB" RETIRES

IT is, no doubt, a natural feeling as retirement day approaches, for an employee to feel reluctant to leave the surroundings and people he has worked with for many years. Robert B. Wigington—affectionately known as "Mr. Bob" to hundreds of fellow-workers—is no exception. However, he took it all in stride on April 29, his last day of work for the company. During the day, he met with his employee-friends and received a hat, socks and electric hedge clippers—gifts from the Service Section supervision.

"Mr. Bob" was employed April 13, 1943 as gardener at "Lynwood House" and the beautiful grounds, shrubbery and flowers attest to almost a dozen years of faithful service.

3,100 of us here wish you all happiness, "Mr. Bob".

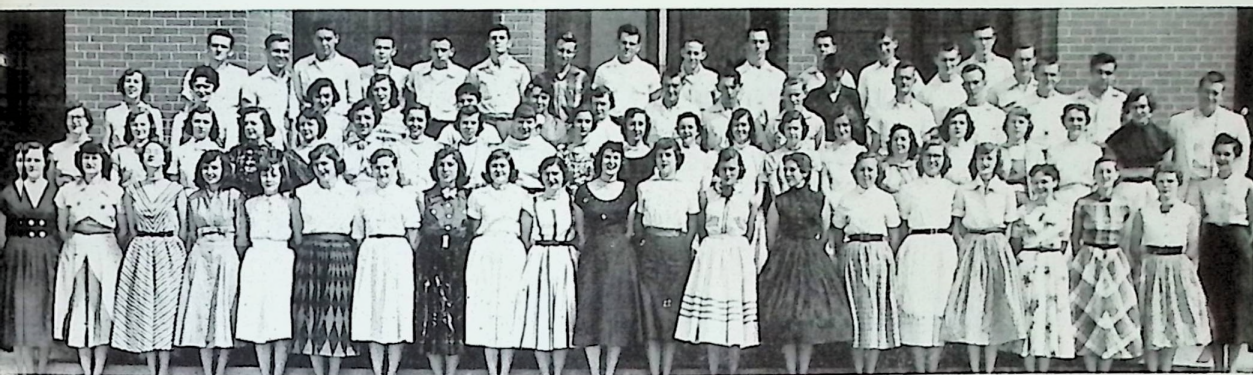


SENIORS VISIT PLANT

DURING the month of May approximately 350 seniors from the city and county schools visited our plant. They represented the graduating classes of Fieldale, Drewry-Mason, Martinsville, John D. Bassett, George Washington Carver and Albert Harris. Each group was welcomed by a member of the Staff, toured the plant, saw "The Du Pont Story" and were served refreshments in the plant cafeteria.



FIELDALE HIGH SCHOOL



DREWRY-
MASON
HIGH
SCHOOL



MARTINSVILLE
HIGH
SCHOOL



JOHN D.
BASSETT
HIGH
SCHOOL



GEORGE
WASHINGTON
CARVER
HIGH SCHOOL



ALBERT
HARRIS
HIGH
SCHOOL



COLLEGES

1. LILLIAN SWACK—University of Buffalo, Daughter of Stanley Swack, Inspection
2. GEORGIA JONES KASEY—Radford College, Daughter of T. E. Jones, Guard Force
3. MARTHA MINTER—Westhampton College, Daughter of Claude Minter, P. & S. T-8
4. ROBERT MARSHALL MERRIMAN—V. P. I., Son of James Merriman, Maintenance
5. CHARITY DUPEE—Bluefield State College, Daughter of Jesse Dupee, Service
6. CAROLYN SELF—North Carolina College, Daughter of Clarence Self, Service
7. MAIZIE VALINDA HAIRSTON—A. & T. College, Daughter of Lulu Wilson, Service

Congratulations

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We have asked our supervision to check all of you carefully to see that we did not leave out any of you. Lewis Robertson, son of Gladys Robertson, Maintenance, finished at Elon College but we were not able to obtain his picture before going to press.)

JOHN D. BASSETT HIGH

8. NORMAN GENE VIA—Son of Mae Via, Textile
9. THOMAS RALPH GOODMAN, JR.—Son of T. Ralph Goodman, Maintenance
10. RUBY YVONNE FOLEY—Daughter of Bill Foley, Maintenance
11. MARTHA JOAN PRILLAMAN—Daughter of Vance Prillaman, Maintenance
12. BOBBIE JEAN KOGER—Daughter of Bob Koger, Maintenance
13. MARTHA LOUISE AUSTIN—Daughter of Alfonso Austin, Maintenance

DREWRY-MASON HIGH

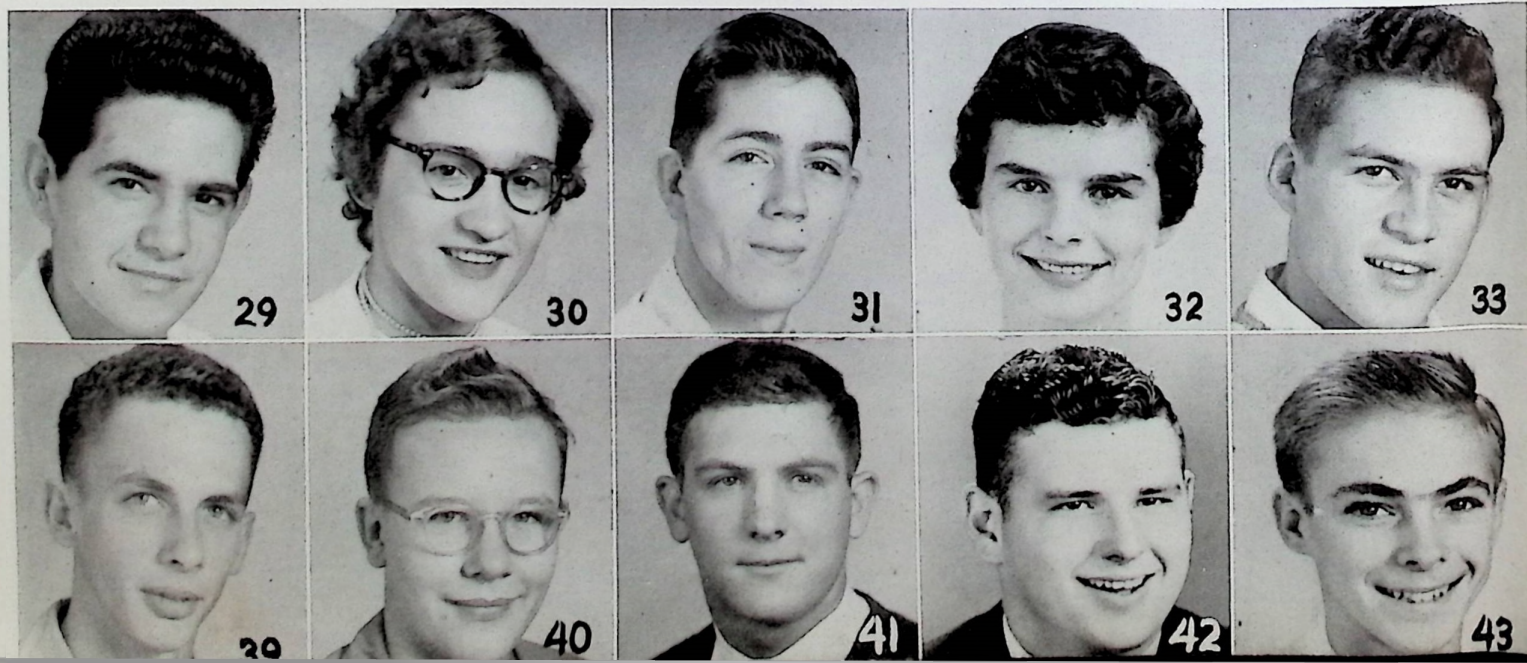
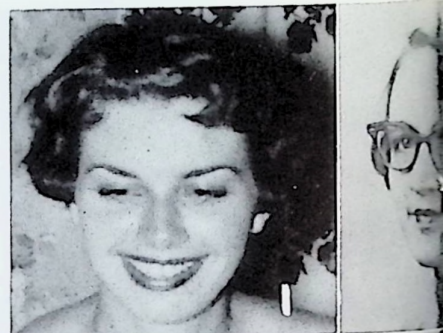
4. JANET MARLOWE—Daughter of Doris Marlowe, Records
15. ALTON BOYD CALDWELL—Son of Willie Caldwell, Project
16. JANICE ELAINE PHILLIPS—Daughter of Roland Phillips, Project
17. RICHARD W. WITT, JR.—Son of Richard W. Witt, Maintenance
18. ANN SEALS—Daughter of Ernie Seals, Power
19. MARY ELLEN HARRISON—Daughter of Pat Harrison, Power

TRI-CITIES CENTRAL HIGH

20. PHYLLIS LAURIE HOLLAND—Daughter of Bette Wiggington, Textile
21. MAGGIE EVERLENA HAYNES—Daughter of Alex Haynes, Maintenance
22. JAMES LEE KALLAM—Son of Jimmy Kallam, Project

FIELDALE HIGH

23. DONALD MARTIN—Son of Hugh Martin, Maintenance
24. GERALD WAYNE EANES—Step-son of Gertrude Eanes, Denier Room





Our Graduates

ONCE again it comes time to offer our congratulations to the Du Pont sons and daughters who have completed college and high school. A majority of them will seek further education and some will begin a career. Whatever their calling, the "BLENDER" wishes them all success and happiness and rejoices with the parents.



CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL

25. WAYNE DODSON, Son of Ellis Dodson, Power

HARDIN REYNOLDS MEMORIAL HIGH

26. JAMES LEE TUGGLE, Son of John Tuggle, Maintenance

MARTINSVILLE HIGH

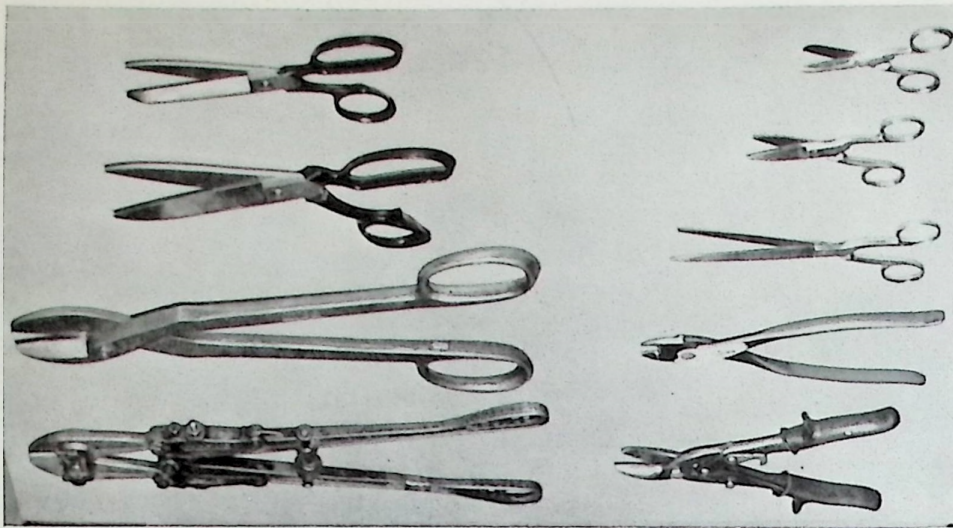
27. RICHARD JAMES (DICKY) POTTER—Son of Jim Potter, Service
 28. MARGARET (PEGGY) LENDERKING—Daughter of Howard Lenderking, Met
 29. MAXEY POWELL—Son of Pauline Connell, Textile
 30. BETTY MITCHELL—Daughter of Bob Mitchell, Power
 31. JOHN FRANKLIN CANUPP—Son of Bob Canupp, Power
 32. JOY MARTIN—Daughter of Calvin Martin, Power
 33. KENNETH B. MAHON—Son of Norman Mahon, Power
 34. MARIE HENDERSON—Daughter of P. D. Henderson, Power
 35. CARL HAKANSON—Son of Gene Hakanson, Service
 36. SYLVIA (PAT) FOUSHEE—Daughter of Bob Foushee, Inspection
 37. JIMMY L. RUTLEDGE—Son of Florence Campbell, Textile
 38. MARY KATHRYN TURNER—Daughter of W. B. Turner, Guard Force
 39. HAROLD JACOBS—Son of M. K. (Jake) Jacobs, Personnel
 40. "PETE" JOHNSON—Son of Ed Johnson, Design
 41. TED YOUNG—Son of Texas Young, Textile
 42. JAMES BILLY WADE—Son of Mary Wade, Textile
 43. WILLIAM C. (BUCK) COLE—Son of Bill Cole, Inspection & Shipping
 44. JAN PRATT—Son of J. Carl Pratt, P. & S.

ALBERT HARRIS HIGH

45. RUBENA MAE KING—Daughter of James King, Service
 46. JULIA BURGESS—Daughter of Cornith Burgess, Service
 47. TOMMY BOWLES, JR.—Son of Tommy Bowles, Service

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER HIGH

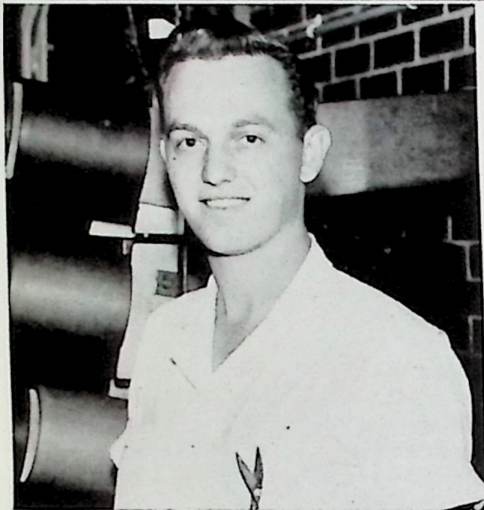
48. MARY LOVIS HAIRSTON—Daughter of Richard Hairston, Service



THEY ARE DANGEROUS!

WEBSTER says scissors are "cutting instruments working like shears but smaller". On our plant (picture left) we have little ones, middle-size ones and large ones. Some are not commonly considered scissors but they are and they are dangerous if used or stored improperly. They can cause and have caused injuries both on the plant and in our homes.

Practically every man and woman here uses them and uses them often. We have also on this page pictured the right and wrong way to carry them on the job and the proper way to store them. Study these pictures and prevent an injury to yourself, or possibly one to some fellow-employee.



IMPROPER carrying of scissors, posed by James Frith, "C" Shift, can easily cause a bad injury.



GRANVILLE Nestor shows how to carry them in P. & S. Other areas have standard practice.



PROPER storage when not in use (shown by Hazel Helms) prevents injury to self and others.

OUR COMPANY WINS ANOTHER AWARD . . . AGAIN, WE DO OUR PART!

BELOW, Junior Moran, "A" Shift, P. & S. and Louise Smith, "A" Shift, Textile, display the National Safety Council's Award of Honor for outstanding safety performance during 1954. The white pennant has 11 green stars, one for each year that the Company has won the award. Du Pont is the only company in the United States to achieve the Council's highest honor for eleven years.

Martinsville employees contributed significantly to the record by turning in a perfect safety record for the entire year. We were among 96 company units whose employees worked more than 85 million man hours during the year without a lost-time injury. And at midnight, May 16, we won our 19th Board of Directors' Award after completing approximately 13,790,965 exposure hours—809 days—without a major injury. (Doris Crowder, "B" Shift, Textile, and Jack Mullins, P. & S., Day Shift, are pictured in a group of approximately 60 safety awards on display. All awards have now been chosen.)



CLEMENS GETS 25-YEAR PIN

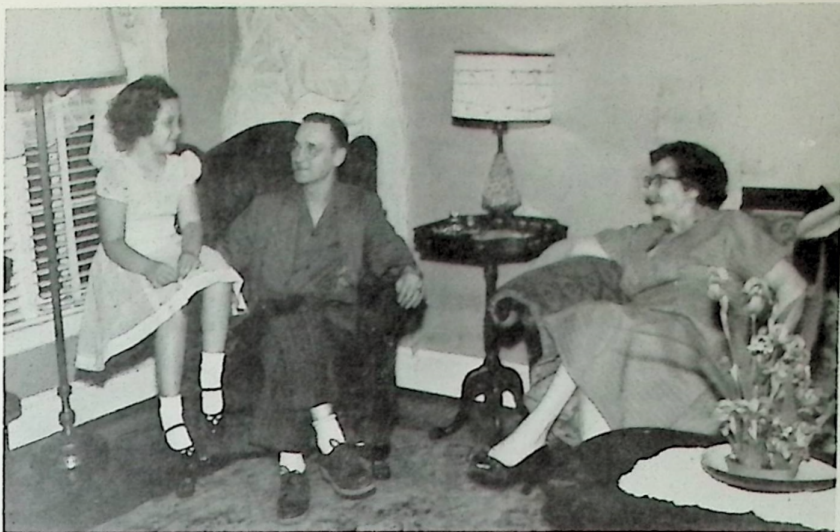
ANOTHER recently added to our growing list of people eligible for four weeks' vacations is George W. Clemens of the Electric Shop.

George's service began in 1930 as an elevator repair and maintenance man in Wilmington. After eleven years in Wilmington he came to Martinsville on construction in 1941. When the plant began operations he was made an Electrical Heating Operator. After 15 months in the Navy he returned to work and was soon transferred to the Electric Shop as Electrician. He still holds this position.

Elva M. Asay of Wilmington, Delaware, became Mrs. Clemens in June of 1930.

George's chief interests are his seven-year-old daughter, Sharon Kay, and the local Lodge Knights of Pythias of which he is a past officer and to which he devotes much of his spare time.

We all wish you much success and happiness, George.



SHARON KAY, GEORGE AND ELVA

TEN HAVE 10 YEARS AND . . . TWO 15 YEARS



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JAMES JOYCE
Maintenance



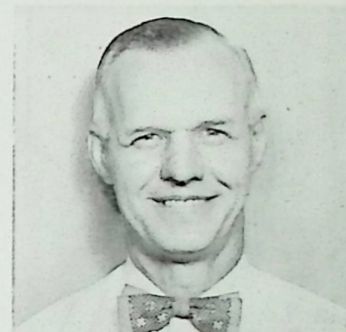
MARGARETTE
BLANKENSHIP
Textile



THOMAS WELLS
Project



HELEN DRAPER
Purchasing



NELSON SCOTT
P. & S.



ED HITE
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DENNIS DALTON
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JERRY SPENCER
P. & S.



GEORGE
STRICKLAND
Service



ANNA FULLER
Service

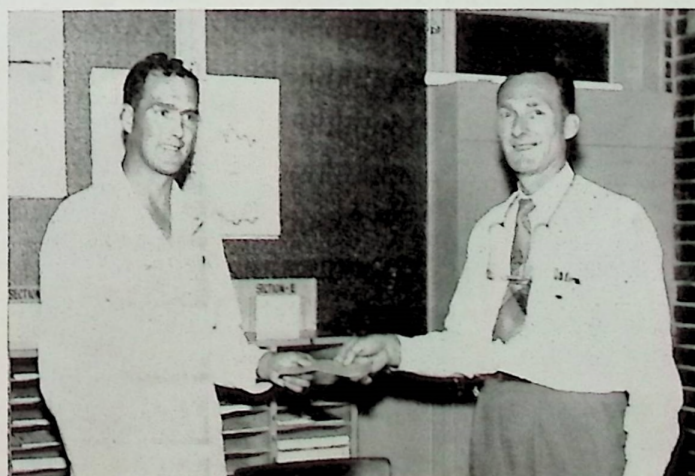


GENTRY MCORE
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TWO MORE "HIT THE JACK POT" WITH SUGGESTION AWARD CHECKS



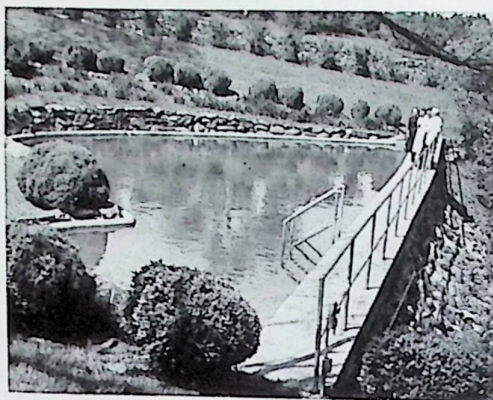
(LEFT) Henderson Cook receives check from Mary Blair while Sam Greenwood gets same honor (right) from Price Witt. They had joint suggestion to revise 15-denier wipe procedure. Henderson is now in Textile.



(BELOW) Anna Eanes, Textile, admiring a bed of tulips and ageratum at east end of the porch to "Lynwood".



(BELOW) Don Hartford points out swimming pool to group. Shrubbery and beds of various types of flowers surround pool.



(ABOVE) Sue Woody, Textile, views beautiful lily pond. Around pond are also beds of pansies and beautiful forget-me-nots.



BEAUTIFUL petunias and ageratum on south side of house caught the eye of Billie Lee of the T-9 Textile Area.



HISTORIC GARDEN CLUB WEEK

at "Lynwood House"

"That God once loved a garden
We learn in Holy writ,
And seeing gardens in the Spring
I can well credit it."

THESE beautiful words, written by Winifred Mary Letts of Ireland, could well apply to the Gardens of Virginia in the Springtime. And the natural beauty that is Virginia's makes itself known most vividly during historic Garden Week April 25—May 2.

This year, among the several beautiful homes and gardens opened to hundreds of visitors from all over the state, was "Lynwood House", the home of Plant Manager Don Hartford and Mrs. Hartford.

From April 29—May 2, plant employees were issued special invitations by Mr. and Mrs. Hartford to visit the lovely grounds and home. On this page we have pictured several who were awed by the exquisite beauty of the estate and the gracious hospitality extended to each of them by the beloved hosts.

MRS. HARTFORD, JESSE CRAWFORD, BLONDELL SLAUGHTER, MARIE GREEN AT THE BEAUTIFUL TULIP BED IN FRONT OF "LYNWOOD HOUSE."



(BELOW) Following tour of the grounds, punch and cookies were served all of the guests. Here Mrs. Jesse Crawford presides at bowl.

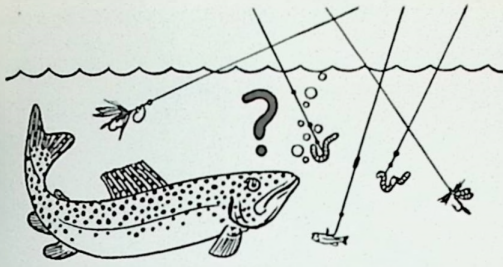


(ABOVE) Stone walk from home to pool is bordered by beautiful shrubbery and a variety of flowers that thrilled garden lovers.

(ABOVE) Addie Sheppard, Textile, examines bed of pinks in full bloom for Historic Garden Week and admired by all the visitors.

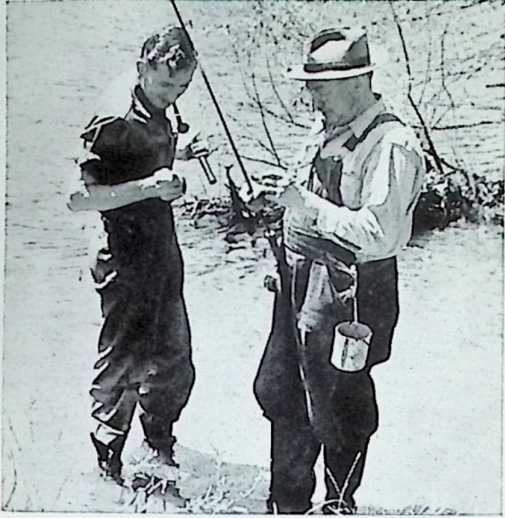


Her favorite flower—the rose—gets the attention of Juanita Hammock of Textile. Many varieties are grown on grounds at Lynwood.



OPENING OF TROUT SEASON IN HENRY COUNTY

FISHERMEN BY THE HUNDREDS LINE RIVER BANK



VANCE PRILIAMAN, Maintenance (right) and Robert Moore check their watches at 11:59 and prepare to try their luck. P. S. It was bad.



BILL LEHMAN, Maintenance, and his partner, John Stultz, proved to be the champion fishermen of the day. They caught their limit in a short time. Five of these beauties measured 18 inches or better (one 19½ inches). They claim flatfish and flies as the magic lures they used.



EARLY in the day the photographer caught Champ Clarke with a 13-inch brook. He later added to his string with Mrs. Clarke's able help.



THIS is a sample of big crowds along river bank. Youngster kneeling in center landed a beautiful 19-inch rainbow in this hole and this brought many running to spot but no others had same luck.



CECIL HALL and Dan Rea with wives, Iris and Frances, also proved to be experts. The 32 on this string were caught in Patrick County.



ANOTHER scene looking down river from Philpott Dam. Practically every rock and hole had an ambitious fisherman trying his luck. The large crowd was estimated at several hundred.



THIS 20½-inch rainbow beauty caught by Tom Shaw was frozen a day before picture was taken by our photographer.

THE Industrial League champions (Bottom Row, left to right): "Jo Jo" Reynolds (Captain), Herman Rumley, Melvin Hall. Standing (l. to r.): Bill Akers, Al Byrd, George Nester, Armon Deal. Absent when the picture was made: Al Beard.



INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE, PLANT BOWLING CHAMPS

THE DU PONT team in the local Industrial Bowling League again proved to be real champs when they won the crown in the recent play-offs, after finishing in second place among eight teams during regular season play. The team's season record was 57 wins and 24 losses. Captain "Jo Jo" Reynolds led the League with a high individual average of 113 and high individual set of 388. The Du Pont Team also had the high team game of 617 and high team set of 1681. Each member of the team won an individual trophy.

The Pipefitters of the Men's Plant League became champs when they defeated "A" Shift in the semi-final play-offs and "D" Shift in the finals, after finishing third during regular season play. The final standings during the regular season showed "A" Shift in first place, followed by Maintenance, Pipefitters and "D" Shift. Other teams were far behind. Bill Akers of Accounting won the high team average, with 115, high individual game—158, and high individual set—413.

Champions and runners-up in both the men's and girls' plant league and the industrial team were honored with a well-deserved banquet at Lynwood Club on May 3.



WALLACE JOYCE of "D" Shift team rolled high game in plant league play-offs with 184 and received fine trophy from Harry Daughtry.



MEN'S plant league champions. (Bottom Row, L. to R.): Harry Dandridge, Numa McDaniel (Co-Captain), Walter Prillaman (Co-Captain) and Dan Gardner. Standing (L. to F.): James Joyce, James Warren, Bob Hutchens and Woodrow Shockey. They defeated "A" Shift in the semi-final play-offs and "D" Shift in the finals. The season was one of plant's most spirited and successful.



MINNIE MARTIN rolled the girls' high average—99 and high set—349; **BILL AKERS** rolled high team average, high individual game and set.



"D" SHIFT was runner-up in men's plant league play-offs and won fourth place during regular season. (L. to R.) Armon Deal, Wallace Joyce, Walter Hennis (Captain), Al Beard. Absent when picture was made: Al Byrd, Tom Byrd and Herman Guillian—all regulars.

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .

CHAMPION — SO FAR!



Dorothy Martin, Inspection to, J. E. Lawson, Stuart, Va.
 Marie Redd, Inspection, to Kyle Perry, Martinsville, Va.
 Martha Burnett, Textile, to Jesse West, P. & S.
 Louise Prillaman, Textile, to Albert Lawrence, P. & S.



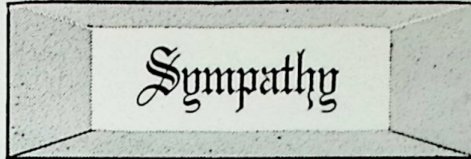
Davie Lea Hughes, Textile, and Billy Lawrence, Martinsville, Va.
 Mildred A. Holland, Process Control, and Marshall Lawrence, Axton, Va.
 Barbara L. Martin, Textile, and Kenneth Parcell, Martinsville, Va.
 Aurie P. Moore, Textile, and Don H. White, Mayodan, N. C.
 Clara Fleming, Textile, and Gene Atkins, Fiel-dale, Va.
 Sharleen Foley, Textile, and Aaron Turner, Bassett, Va.
 Barbara Boaz, Mail Room, and Claude Riggan, Martinsville, Va.



Willie S. Wingfield, Service, a daughter, Patricia Jean, May 30, 1955.
 Leonard Craig, Elect. Heating, a son, Michael Lee, May 25, 1955.
 Martha and Otha Harris, Accounting and Service, a son, O. M. Harris, Jr., May 9, 1955.
 Pat and David Mann, Production Control and Textile, a daughter, Catharine Sue, May 9.
 Marie Austin, Textile, a son, Joel Monroe, May 8.
 Edith Washburn, Inspection, a daughter, Cathy Rivers, April 5.
 J. G. Barrows, Design, a son, Kevin Duane, May 15.
 Lucille Haley, Textile, a son, David Lee, May 18.
 Chester Edwards, Textile, a son, Barney Lane, May 19.
 Herman Harris, Textile, a son, Charles Michael, May 28.

5 YEARS' SERVICE

DOUGLAS TUTTLE P. & S. T-8
 STEVEN MCCLUNG P. & S. T-8
 RALPH HUBBARD Maintenance
 RICHARD LAW P. & S. T-9
 BETTY FRITH Textile T-9
 ARTHUR ADKINS Maintenance
 NORMA PAGANS Inspection
 CARL DUNCAN Tabulating
 JOHN DILLARD Methods & Planning



The plant personnel extends deepest sympathy to:
 Louise Lester in the death of her husband.
 Liza DeShazo in the death of her brother.
 Harry Daughtry in the death of his brother.
 Joe Smith in the death of his grandmother.
 Lee Price in the death of his grandmother.
 Norman Store in the death of his grandmother.
 Carl and Glen Tidewell in the death of their brother-in-law.
 Christine Jacobs in the death of her uncle.
 Doretha Turner in the death of her grandmother.
 Claude Minter in the death of his father.
 James Wagoner in the death of his grandfather.
 Virginia Reynolds in the death of her uncle.
 Betty Isley in the death of her uncle.
 Janie Huston in the death of her grandfather.
 Irene Joyce in the death of her father.
 Ann Jamison in the death of her grandfather.
 Clarice Duffy in the death of her aunt.
 Gloal Holland in the death of her grandfather.
 Eccell Haley in the death of her grandfather.
 Thomas Wells in the death of his grandfather.
 Hugh Dandridge in the death of his mother.
 Harry Dandridge in the death of his mother.
 Hazel Turner in the death of her uncle.
 Frances Foley in the death of her uncle.
 C. R. Baylis in the death of his brother.



THIS beauty caught by Sam Campbell, Power, on May 17 in Philpott Lake weighed seven pounds even. It was 22½" long with a girth of 16½ inches. He used a minnow for bait.

WELCOME



WE welcome to Martinsville from the Yerkes Plant at Buffalo (L. to R. from top): John Bruce, Ervin C. Puckelwald and John W. Smith. Bruce has been assigned to Methods and Planning as Engineer, and Puckelwald and Smith to Shift Supervisors, Mfr. Special Assignment.

AND GOOD-BYE



WE wish all success to Lindsey Livengood, Jr., who was transferred to Wilmington May 16 and placed in the Costs and Statistical Section.

IN MEMORIAM



HAROLD R. CHANNELS, SR.

THE plant personnel was saddened on May 3, to learn of the death of a fellow-employee, Harold R. Channels, Sr. He had been in declining health for several months.

Harold came to Martinsville as Pipecover Foreman in 1952 from the Belle, W. Va., Plant where he had been employed for approximately 13 years.

During his years at Martinsville he made a host of friends with his friendliness and ready smile. All of us miss him.

The BLENDER extends to his bereaved family and friends its deepest sympathy.



*"Did You Know
This . . .*

Every Two Minutes



A Young Father Passes Away?"

NOT a very pleasant thought in this question Ben Woolridge, local representative of the Travelers Insurance Company, asks Joe Mozick of the Millwright Shop. Not pleasant, but true nevertheless, according to those always reliable insurance statistics we read about.

Joe believes in protection for his family and secured his policy through the company's Salary Allotment Insurance Plan. The BLENDER urges all employees to give serious thought to these facts: During 1954, the amount of insurance in force under this plan increased about 4% to a total of \$83,247,000.00 representing 20,876 policies. Death claims amounted to \$528,000.00, matured policies

totaled \$151,000.00 and \$565,000.00 of insurance became paid up in 1954.

This increase is evidence of the plan's popularity among employees. It offers (1) easy and automatic premium payments, (2) up to \$25,000 of insurance without extra premium because of occupation, (3) simplified medical examinations in most cases up to \$10,000 of insurance, and (4) council and advice on insurance by Travelers' representative who visits the plant, to solicit applications for insurance.

The above "words to the wise should be sufficient" and we believe you will contact the Travelers' representative on any of YOUR problems.



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING —THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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On-The-Jobism

Some of us are rather easy victims of absenteeism. A big toe doesn't feel right some morning, and we decide to take the day off. So we pick up the phone and tell our foreman or forelady we're sick or something. Worse yet, we might not show up, or call up, either. We assure ourselves a day off won't hurt.

Oh yes it will. Aside from upsetting the routine at our place of work, putting an extra burden on those who have to carry on for us, and adding to supervision's collection of ulcers, gray hair and wrinkles, absenteeism hurts in another way. It easily gets to be a habit. A bad habit that may cost us money, chances for advancement, and if it gets chronic enough, our jobs.

You seldom have a name for the opposite of absenteeism. Let's call it On-The-Jobism. It's a habit, too . . . A good one. On-The-Jobism won't let us take Monday off—just because the week end was a strenuous affair. It will not listen while we try to justify lying abed. It reminds us to spend our nights with the morning in mind. On-The-Jobism wants a good legitimate excuse before it will let us take a day off. It makes full-time, not part-time workers of us.

Like we said, absenteeism and On-The-Jobism are habits. Just a little thinking back on our part will tell us which habit we have: the good or bad.

That Little "Extra"

We hear the word "Quality" used a lot around the plant these days and we have "preached" it in editorials and pictures month after month in the BLENDER. We hear always that we must put more quality into our product—that customers demand more quality.

What is this QUALITY customers are demanding? Simply and to the point, it's this: Quality is that little EXTRA that keeps customers satisfied, keeps our plant humming and gives us what we are all mostly interested in—job security.

That little "extra" is what really counts these days. Our competitors in the synthetic fibers field—and boy, there is a fistful of them—are fighting tooth and nail to take away our customers. The only way we can keep them from doing it is to get that little extra into our work and give our customers the high quality nylon they have a right to expect and to demand.

Let's all get together and put that "extra" effort into our production. Keep quality up and our nylon will continue to have loyal friends and steady customers.

Can Kisses Cure Crashes?

The more we ponder it, the more we're convinced that Charles Ray's program for reducing highway accidents deserves more than mere lip service.

Have you heard his idea? Boiled down, it makes a dandy new safety slogan: "Kiss and Live".

Mr. Ray wasn't being funny when he told a Boston Meeting recently that a hearty smack can go a long way toward cutting the highway crash toll. Being an official of Markel Service, Inc., which insures trucks and buses, he's an expert on what causes accidents.

"A good breakfast, a happy home atmosphere and a hearty good-bye kiss", he says, "makes the difference between a good and a bad driver." To support the statement he points to surveys showing that an unhappy home life caused by nagging over money, in-laws and children's behavior is the chief factor behind a poor driving record.

Unfortunately, Mr. Ray didn't tell his Boston audience how to straighten out the family finances and offspring, or how to settle that in-law matter. But about this kissing business he was specific.

One's spouse, of course, must be on the receiving end. Any other—and who needs an expert to tell us?—might cause an accident of a much different kind.

THE COVER

DOROTHY FERGUSON, "B" Shift, Textile, T-9, is typical of hundreds of Du Pont beauties who are flocking to local pools on long weekends or on their days off. (See Page 7.)



BERNICE CARTER AND HER THREE CHILDREN (L. to R.) BRENDA, LONNIE AND JOYCE CONSULT LOCAL ATTORNEY, R. R. (JIM) YOUNG.

“IF HE'D ONLY MADE A WILL . . .”

Inheritance Laws In States Vary; It's a Good Idea to See Your Attorney

BERNICE CARTER, “B” Shift, Textile T-8, is a widow with three children. She desires to sell her present home and obtain a larger one, but since her husband died without leaving a will, she has run into a maze of trouble and headaches. It all could have been made so simple with a will.

If your obituary were to appear in the morning paper, would your wife (or husband) and family be faced with an estate entangled with legal complications and problems?

Under the laws of the states, you may dispose of your property by will, provided you are of sound mind and legal age. You should not neglect to make a will if you own—either in your name alone, or jointly with someone else—any real property (real estate, residence, farm or income-producing property) or personal property (anything of value which is not real property, such as furniture, jewelry, automobiles, stocks, bonds, bank accounts, etc.).

If you don't leave a will, you can't direct who will get your property. It will be distributed by law, which is necessarily inflexible, and cannot take into account your wishes or your family's needs. Part of your property will go to your children—not all to your wife or husband; part may go to relatives whom you barely know, or don't like very much.

By making a will, you can be sure that your property will go to the ones you want it to benefit, and in the proportions and manner which will help them most. You can choose your own executor and be assured that your estate will be settled by one with sympathetic understanding of your family's situation.

SAFEGUARDING SMALL ESTATES

The average man's survivors usually need more protection than the millionaire's relatives, because the smaller estate must be stretched to the very limit. Moreover, the lawyer's fee to the average person for preparing a will is substantially less than his charge for a complicated estate plan.

Although a last testament may be a simple document, it is never safe for a layman to prepare his own will. In most states (Virginia included), the laws require that the will be signed and witnessed in a legal manner, and failure to meet these requirements leaves you with a worthless document.

Some testators, for example, have made and signed their will and then added a paragraph covering a bequest which came as an after-thought. In many states, this testament would be invalid because it was not signed by the maker at the end.

SEE AN ATTORNEY

The long and short of it is that the wage earner should make a will and he should consult an attorney. Before he visits his attorney, he should draw up a list of his properties and should decide upon the manner in which he wants his estate distributed. When he visits the attorney, he should tell him what he has in mind and ask the attorney the amount of the fee. After that has been done, he can turn over his list of property to the attorney, tell him how he wants to leave it, and be sure of the fact that any communication which he may make to the attorney is confidential and may not be disclosed to anyone.

PICK A SAFE PLACE

After you have had your will prepared by the attorney, it is advisable to keep it in a safe place, along with your other valuable papers, preferably in a safe deposit box. In addition, leave a copy with the attorney who prepared it. If a financial institution has been appointed executor, the will can be left in its custody in most cases. If this is done, it is advisable to make a notation on the copy that the original has been deposited with “X” bank for safekeeping.

A few minutes wisely spent today may save your wife and youngsters a healthy sum of cash and many hours of worry and uncertainty that are so unnecessary.



LEAKSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE HOME TOWN OF 160 DU PONT EMPLOYEES



WASHINGTON STREET—City's "Main Drag"



ANOTHER of North Carolina's tri-cities is Leaksville, the oldest town in Rockingham County. The other two members of the group, Spray and Draper, were featured in the April BLENDER.

Like Spray and Draper, Leaksville is a part of the territory surveyed by William Byrd in 1728 and appropriately named the "Land of Eden".

Prior to 1797, John Leak bought the land the city now stands on and decided to sell lots and promote a town. He received the proper permission from the

State Legislature in 1797 and it immediately became a prosperous trading center.

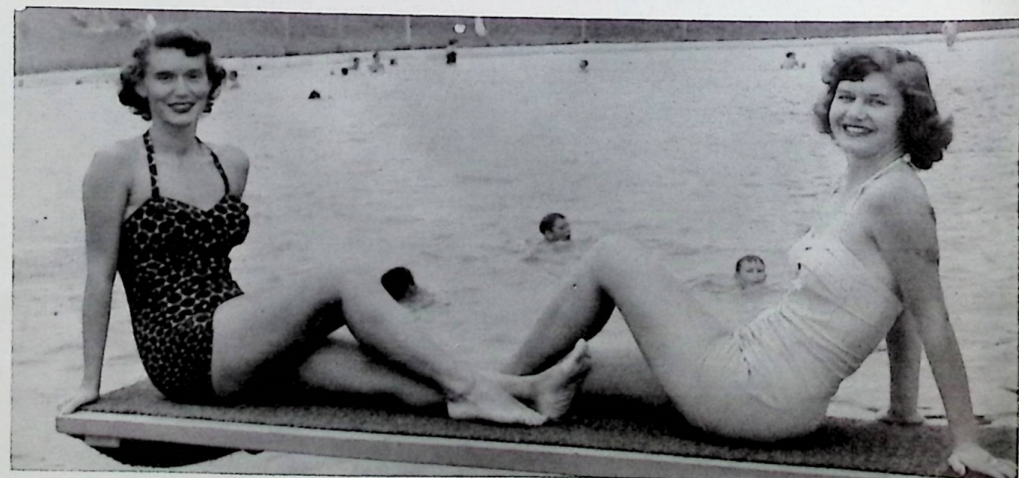
Leaksville was incorporated in 1874 and today has a population of approximately 6,500. It is governed by a mayor and five commissioners elected by the citizens.

Like its sister cities of Spray and Draper, Leaksville's chief industries are the Fieldcrest Mills. Both the Karastan Rug Mill and the Bedspread Mill employ several hundred local men and women. The products of these mills, established around 1900, are known the world over.

The BLENDER proudly salutes this beautiful city where approximately 160 Du Pont employees make their home. Here they're active in civic, church, educational and charitable organizations. They believe in being good neighbors, in helping others and the city. It's their home and they love it!

(LEFT) C. W. Roberts, Mayor of Leaksville, posed for picture with "Jerry" Covington, Virginia Moorefield and Dennis Moorefield. Mr. Roberts was elected in May for a two year term after serving as mayor pro tem for four years. He is the owner of the local Meadow Dairies. Girls are in Textile, "A" Shift, T-8.

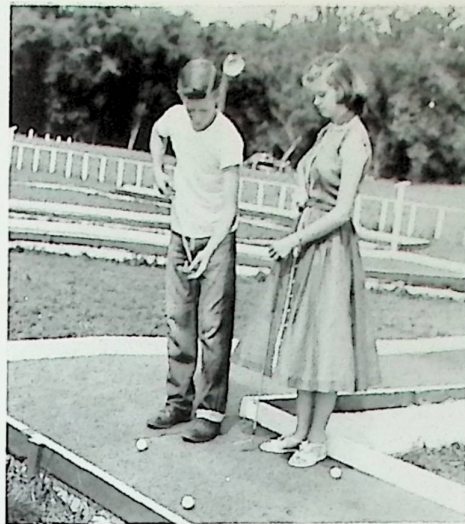
(LOWER LEFT) "The Leaksville News" was established in 1924 and has a circulation of 6,000. It is now published by Mr. J. S. Robertson. "Jerry" watches Louis Shannon on lino.



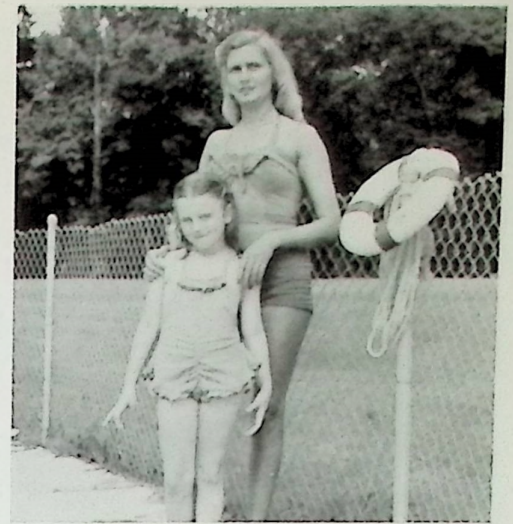
THE beautiful Lynrock swimming pool in Leaksville was built and is owned by Messrs. J. S. and M. B. Wilson. It is another one of the fine recreational facilities around the tri-cities of North Carolina. Here the photographer caught Helen Compton and Ruby Moore on the high diving board. Both girls are on "B" Shift, Textile, T-9, and live within a short distance of pool.



HAZEL PRICE, "A" Shift Textile, T-9, takes lesson on golf driving range from Gene Stanley. Range adjoins the Lynrock Pool and is a gathering place for all golf lovers for miles around.



A MINIATURE course, also near pool, serves as an attraction for youngsters and beginners in golf. Here June Price, daughter of Hazel, listens as Gene explains the use of the clubs.



THE Plant Photographer also found Ella Black and her daughter, Sandra, enjoying themselves at the Lynrock Pool. Ella has lived in Leaksville for many years. She works on "B" Shift.



(LEFT) Lillie Meeks, "A" Shift, Textile, and her son, Benny, age 3, visited office of T. S. Meeks, Chief of Police. Benny hopes some day he can be a cop like his relative.



(RIGHT) Louise Whitt, "A" Shift, Textile, and son Gary, age 2½, are shown enjoying a drink and ice cream at the bar in large Meadow Dairies.



LILLIE and Benny also visited the beautiful Leaksville War Memorial which was erected in 1950. It is a tribute to those from the area who served so faithfully in World Wars I and II.



MR. VIRGIL HALL, Superintendent, explains to "Jerry", pattern of one of the famous Karastan rugs made by Fieldcrest Mills. Mill has been important in area's economic life since 1900.



FIELDCREST'S Bedsread Mill is also located in Leaksville. Mill has become nationally known for the beauty and quality of its products. Above is a typical white crosspoint.



(LEFT) The Leaksville Bank and Trust Co. is one of the area's oldest and trusted institutions. It was founded in 1889 and today has resources of more than \$4,825,000.00. It recently moved into its new home where it can better serve all banking needs of its patrons. Here President B. E. Ivie talks with Virginia Moorefield.

(RIGHT) Louise, "Jerry" and Virginia pose with Dr. John B. Ray, community's oldest physician. Although in his 80th year, he is still going strong after 56 years of practice—all in same general area.





LIKE HIS FATHER, JOHN ADKINS, P. & S., 12-YEAR-OLD JOHN, JR., ENJOYS BASEBALL. BY 1965 HE WILL HAVE MORE TIME TO ENJOY IT.

TEN YEARS FROM NOW

In Spite of Claims of "Automation" There Will Be 12 Million More Jobs

"AMERICA", someone has said, "is an expression of hope for a better tomorrow". And the American economy has an optimistic story to tell: it is estimated that by 1965, barring catastrophe, Americans can enjoy a 20-25 percent increase in living standards. In spite of claims of displacement of workers through "automation", there will actually be 12 million additional jobs.

In contrast, even today, in many parts of the world, men struggle to live by what they can produce with their hands and a few common tools. If we were in

the same boat, we'd find unemployment no problem. Even young children would have to work. And no matter what the government might do—such as changing the value of money so that workers would be earning \$100 a day—we'd all still be drudging for a bare existence if we had no modern production tools and machines. Life's necessities, comforts and luxuries cannot be printed on paper; they have to be produced.

Real earnings—representing what actually can be bought with an hour's work—have increased in this country three

and one-half times since 1890, which is as far back as the records go. These great gains were possible only because of the development of better machines and better methods. No kind of pressure on government for more "purchasing power" could have brought about an increase of 350 percent in the living standards of industrial employees. Real earnings increased in proportion to the worker's ability to produce more—with improved and new machines. Yes, America's next generation can look forward to greater things and more time to enjoy them.



TWELVE year-old Judy Carolyn Branscome, like all girls her age, likes to help Mother in the kitchen. In 10 years, Judy, Daughter of Pauleda Yeatts, Textile, will be preparing meals in her own kitchen. Because of the 20-25 percent rise in living standards expected by then, Judy can look forward to a house with new and improved appliances and furnishings designed by manufacturers to make housework quick, efficient, pleasant.



STRIVING to improve her typing speed as mother looks on is Edna Grant, 14-year old daughter of Lorraine Grant, Textile. Ten years from now when Edna seeks work, she will find jobs, now unknown, available to her. Increased output through new machines, methods will create them.

JULY IS SWIMMING POOL TIME

Popular Spots for Swimmers and Sun Bathers

A RECENT visit to two local swimming pools by the "Blender" staff revealed the fact that pools are about as popular for sun bathers as they are for swimmers and divers.

The pictures on this page were made at the pool of the Fontaine Converting

Works where several of our girls had special invitations, and at Liberty Heights where thousands flock each year. Whether they were enjoying the sun or trying to beat it, we believe you will agree they are not too hard on the eyes. Our part of the job was surely pleasant.



DOROTHY FERGUSON, "B" SHIFT, TEXTILE, T-9, TAKES SUN BATH ON THE DIVING BOARD



MARCILENE EMBERSON, "B" SHIFT, TEXTILE

HETTIE COOPER, "C" SHIFT, TEXTILE, T-8



GERRY HAMBLETT, "C" SHIFT, INSPECTION



JACKIE LAVINDER, "B" SHIFT, TEXTILE



KAREN SMITH, "B" SHIFT, TEXTILE, T-9

RUBY HARBOUR, "C" SHIFT, TEXTILE, T-8





PLANT'S SECOND ANNUAL FIELD DAY ...

APPROXIMATELY 200 children of Du Pont employees, ranging in age from six through fifteen, competed for prizes in the second annual Field Day program on June 18.

The program began on the softball field at 1 P. M. and lasted for about two hours. On the program were races, tennis, softball and baseball throwing, egg races, sack races and broad jumping.

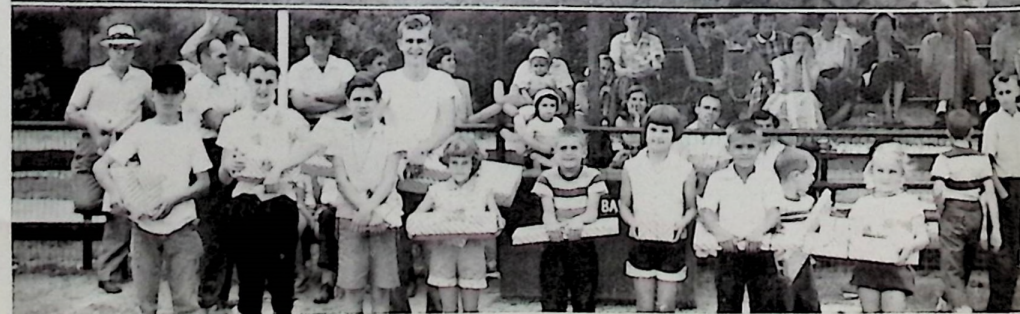
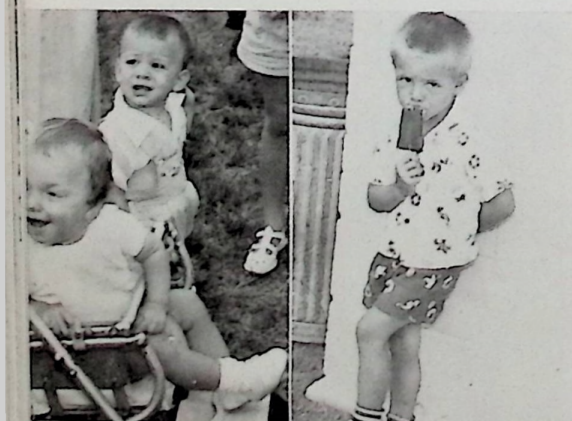
Fourteen prizes went to winners of contests and 34 other youngsters received medals. Major prize winners were Jerry Lyn Morgan, Bobby Young, Jo Ellen Talley, John Buonassisi, Kathy Renfroe, Barry Speakman, Jackie Crews, John Lawson, Susan Morris and Charles Clifton. They were winners of most

points in their respective age groups. Jerry Lyn Morgan and Charles Clifton won prizes for the most points of any age group. Jo Ann Talley and Henry Rist, Jr., won draw prizes.

Prizes consisted of Winky Dink games, dolls, pc-p-up store, toilet articles, collar set, baseball gloves, jewelry box, fishing kit, and a chime clock.

Following the contests, the children and parents were served cookies, ice cream and soft drinks.

The BLENDER has pictured on this page some of the races and general scenes. We believe you will agree that the day was a big one. Our congratulations to the Welfare and Recreation Office and many volunteer workers for a job well done.





... AND FISHING CLUB'S FIRST OUTING

APPROXIMATELY 500 people were served at the Du Pont Fishing Club's first Fish Fry on Saturday, June 25, from 12 noon until 7 o'clock P. M. The large group included club members, members of their families and guests.

The menu consisted of fish, French fried potatoes, slaw, tomatoes, hush-puppies and soft drinks.

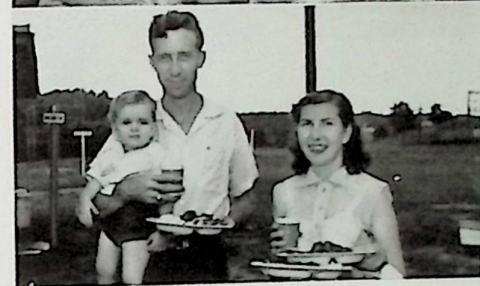
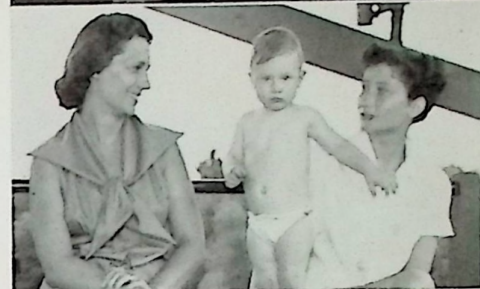
The largest crowd was present around 4:30 P. M., when the various draw prizes were awarded. The first prize of a beautiful boat went to Nancy Campbell of "B" Shift, Textile.

Other prize winners were: Herman Bryant, sport shirt; E. W. Shrigley, knife; Maynard Thorpe, thermos jug;

N. Pedigo, two casting lines; C. R. Steele, flash light; Gardner Lee, car seat; Al Byrd, billfold; George Green, spark plug; Ewell Martin, box of cigars; Karen Hartis, camping kit; Margaret Pratt, Coca-Cola bag; Mrs. Grover Harris, week-end kit; S. D. Draper, fly line; Dave Merrill, gas tank.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the excellent cooking of "Scotty" May who was ably assisted by Norman Mahon, Otis Disbrow, "Buck" Lambeth, Harry Daughtry, "Matt" Hubbard and others.

The BLENDER pictures on this page a few of the typical scenes of one of the most successful functions ever sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation group.





SO YOU WANT MORE

You can't just wave a magic wand,
Or buy a gold-egged goose,
To get the things of which you're fond
You simply must produce.

You can't depend on grant and gift,
Of money, milk or juice,
To give our way of life a lift
You simply must produce.

No government can pave your road
With handouts free and loose,
Each one of us must share the load,
So pitch in—and produce.

You can't sit back and curse your lot,
Or say "Oh, what's the use."
Be thankful for the things you've got,
Do you want more?—produce!

SAMUEL J. FERGUSON RETIRED MAY 31

SAMUEL J. FERGUSON, a member of the Electrical Group retired on May 31 after fourteen years of service.

Sam came to work soon after the plant began operations and soon demonstrated his ability as Electrician-Craftsman.

When questioned by the BLENDER staff as to his future plans, he

stated that his first thought was a good vacation in Florida. After that, he will return with his family to their home at 1113 South Askin Street, City and "chart his course".

The BLENDER and his host of friends and fellow-workers here on the plant wish him all success and all happiness wherever he may be.



(RIGHT) On his last day at the shop, Sam was given "the old shake" by Foreman R. L. ("Doc") Graves. (BELOW) Members of the Power Area honored him at a dinner at Lynwood Club.



TWO MORE GET THEIR 20-YEAR SERVICE PINS



WILLIAM O. COTTY
Manufacturing Superintendent



OSCAR W. CLEAL
Methods and Planning



COMPANY'S FOUNDER AND DAVY CROCKETT WERE GOOD FRIENDS

Davy Crockett's gun drew admiration and a gift of powder to its owner from E. I. du Pont, the company's founder. Crockett's autobiography, published in 1865, contains the following record of his meeting with Mr. Du Pont:

"Next morning, I was introduced to the great powdermaker, Mr. Du Pont, who said to me, that he had been examining my fine gun, and that he had wished to make me a present of half a dozen canisters of his best sportsman's powder. I thanked him and he went off, and in a short time returned with one dozen, nicely boxed up and directed to me."

5 YEARS' SERVICE

MARY ANDERSON.....	Inspection
CALEB ADKINS.....	P. & S. T-9
OCIE POINDEXTER.....	Textile T-9
BERTHA DRAPER.....	Textile T-9
MILDRED EANES.....	Textile T-8
ROBERT BLAIR.....	Process Control
JAMES MACMILLAN.....	Maintenance
DONALD MILLER.....	Quality Control
JESSE GOINS, JR.....	Design
MARY FERGUSON.....	Textile T-9
MARY MARTIN.....	Textile T-8
JOYCE MCCALL.....	Textile T-8
GILDA KALLAM.....	Textile T-9
JUNE CROOK.....	Textile T-8
GENE GRAVELY.....	P. & S. T-9
JOHN HUTCHIENS.....	P. & S. T-9

WILLIAM BELCHER.....	P. & S. T-9
M. A. ANDERSON.....	Inspection
ALLEN HALL.....	Inspection
JAMES COOPER.....	P. & S. T-8
PAUL TURNER.....	P. & S. T-8
BUDDY WHITT.....	P. & S. T-8
GEORGE DOOLEY.....	Maintenance
LOUIS NORTON, JR.....	P. & S. T-9
MILTON MARTIN.....	P. & S. T-9
WILLIAM JONES.....	P. & S. T-8
MADELYN DAVIS.....	Textile T-8
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RICHARD SONNER.....	Cost Section

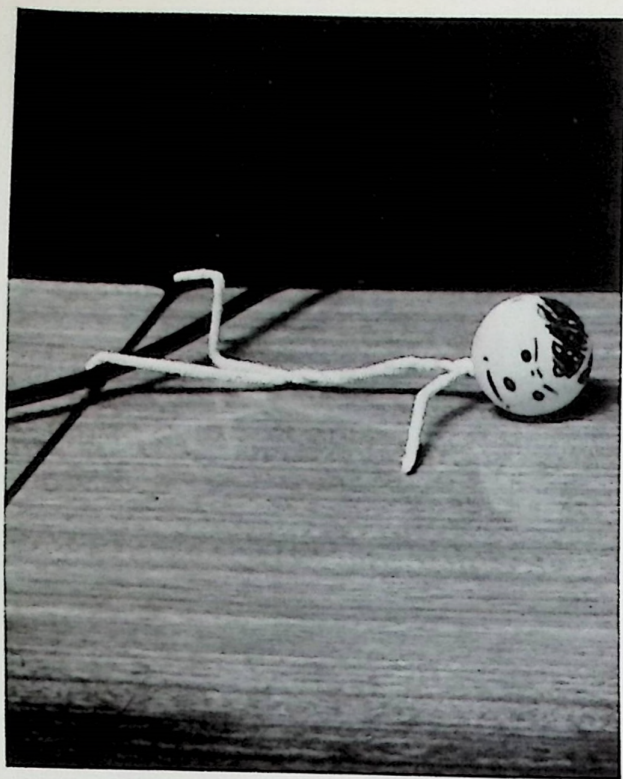
YOUNG "LYNWOODAIRES" PLAYING FOR YOUTH GROUP DANCES AT CLUB

THE youth group orchestra was formed in November as another of the many youth group activities at Lynwood Club. Under the direction of Paul Walker, Branton Martin and Mrs. Norman Mahon, the youngsters have become real rhythm makers and play for youth group dances twice a month.

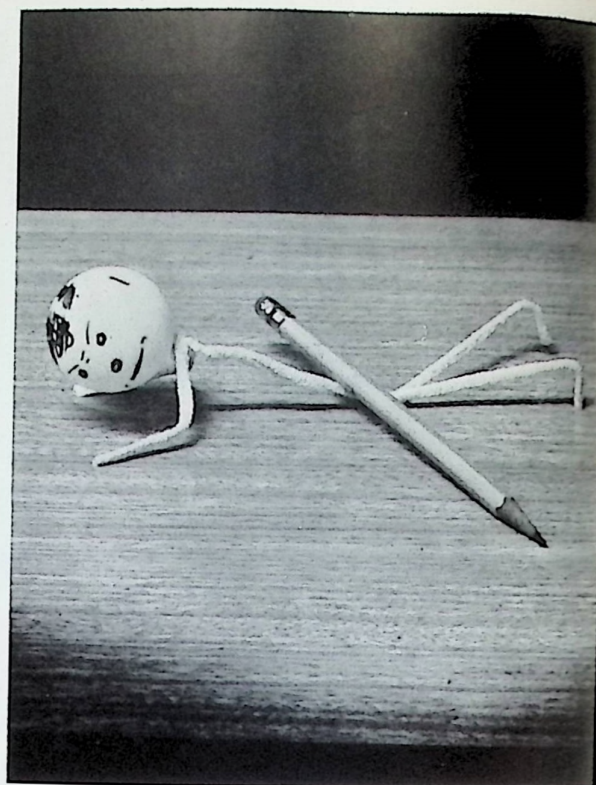
The orchestra members—sons and daughters of Du Ponters—are as follows: Barbara Grundy, pianist; Sandra Price, Susan Walker, flutes; Linnie Mahon, sax; Kenneth Mahon, bass; Wayne Riggan, drums; Gary Cassell, trombone; Bill Mizell, Stephen Cleal, Betsy Witt, Branton Martin, Jr., trumpets; David Lenderking, Marilyn Walker, George Branham, Jr., clarinets.

With two or three exceptions, members of the orchestra are in local school bands, under the direction of Ralph Shank. The ability they show is another tribute to the splendid training he offers the youth of Martinsville in the fine field of music.





"I'VE TRIPPED (left) and nearly fallen like this dozens of times, and I know you have too. I've got an excuse because I've got big feet; but then, I could watch where I'm going. Excuses will never mend the broken bones. Don't you agree?"



"HERE'S what I mean by falling objects. You see me with this pencil across my back. It could just as easily have been a carton of nylon or a motor, in which case they'd start calling me 'Flathead'."

MEET P. P. McSAFETY

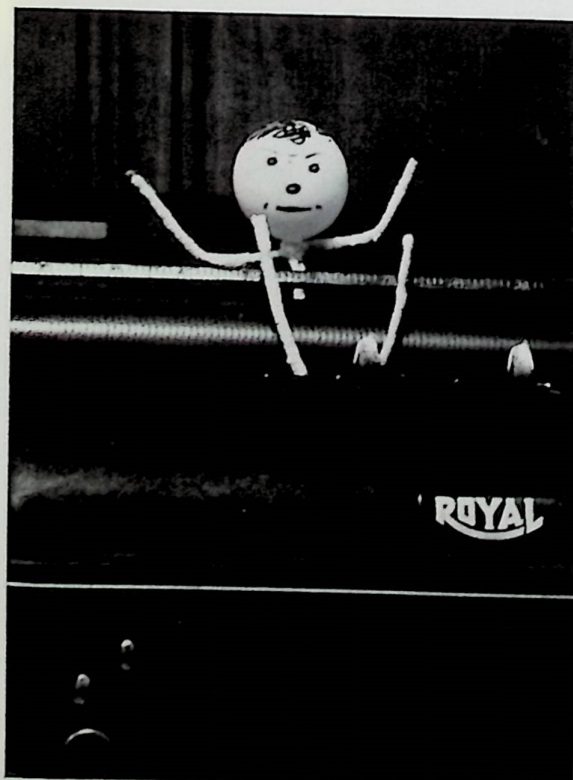
"MY name is actually 'Ping', that's what the first 'P' stands for. Middle name, 'Pong'. But all the men and women down in Inspection and Shipping have taken to calling me 'P. P.' You see, they ('B' Shift and Carlton Jacobs, Area Safety Leader, in particular) sponsored me.

"I'm a Pipecleaner by trade . . . been known to clean some of the finest, some of the shiniest pipes in the business. Anything from corn cobs to fine meerschaums.

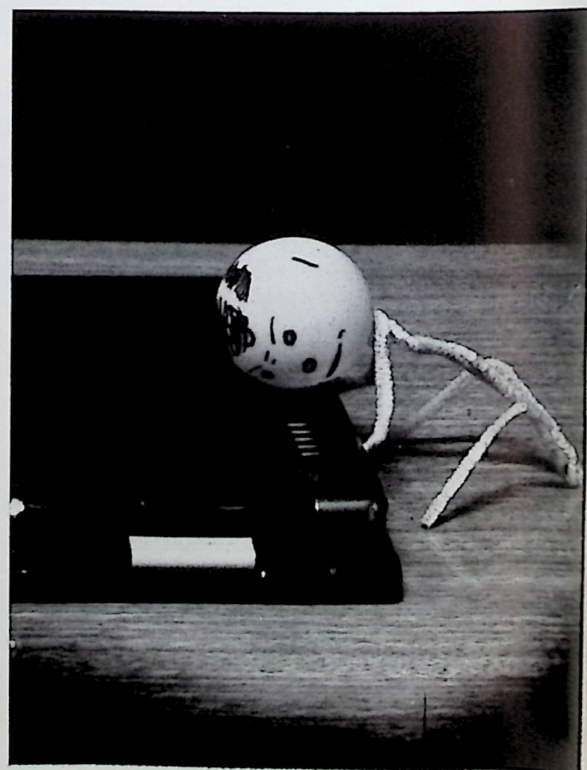
"I was blithely going about my work the other day when Ted Schroeder and Carlton Jacobs confronted me. They said 'Look "P. P.", we've got an idea for a stunt and we'd like you to help us.' Then they outlined their plan. It seems there are four major types of accidents: falling objects, tripping, getting caught in machinery and lifting. Statistics bear this out. Now when they first told me about it, I told them it looked a little hazardous, but they said I was just the one to do it. Said I was so skinny, I could even get caught in a machine and come out with flying colors. I was pretty happy then.

"It was really quite a lark. I came out of it feeling a little bent and twisted, but otherwise unscratched. They were right, it didn't even bother me much to be slipped through a machine, although I felt a little flat for a while. I wouldn't advise you normal human beings to try it.

"It made me see that this safety business is serious business. You'd be surprised how easy it is to get hurt if you're not thinking. I may not be a Clark Gable at this posing, but I hope maybe I've saved an injury—or even a life! If I do this, I will consider my little antics worthwhile. Please do as I say—not as I did."



"THIS picture (left), if you haven't guessed, demonstrates getting caught in machinery. I'm pretty thin, and I got out of this contraption without being mangled. But nobody else could. A point worth remembering, always, don't you think?"



"AT one time or another everyone forgets and tries to lift something the wrong way, just as I am doing here. I might lift it, but after I do I'll feel like I lifted a house—and pulled muscles mean a lot of pain."



NEW GREENS AND TEES GIVE GOLF COURSE APPEARANCE OF CIVIL WAR BATTLEGROUND



M. RIGGS PROVED TO BE A-1 TRUCK DRIVER.

GOLF COURSE VOLUNTEER WORKERS PROVE WHAT TEAMWORK CAN DO

HAVE you wondered about all of the feverish activity that you have noticed on most any day around the Lynwood Golf Course? The small army of workers—men and women—are golf enthusiasts giving a new look to several tees and greens.

Back in 1953 many of our golfers realized that the present course, due chiefly to the hills, was not too desirable and contained many defects. Soon thereafter,

Bill Cole and "Chuck" White made a scale model of the course and with the aid of the Design Group, sketched out a new course requiring six new greens and twelve new tees. These sketches, with minor changes, were approved by a golf course architect. From that point a Steering Committee took charge and called for volunteer workers to do most of the job. And a great many came to the rescue.

On this page we have pictured the "C" Shift "Sodbusters" and a few others at work on one of their days off. They are among 200 volunteers who are proving that teamwork and determination can do wonders—wonders they hope to realize the latter part of August or the first of September.

The Committee, through the BLENDER, thanks each one of you for a swell job.



(L. TO R.) Al Beard, Melvin Adkins and Russell Belcher pause long enough to have picture snapped on the new No. 8 green. They represent respectively "D" Shift, P. & S., "C" Power and "C" Textile.



(L. TO R.) Harriett Sharps, Doris Wiggins, Warren Gardner, and Catherine Deal—rakers.

"PIPEFITTER" Buck Lambeth of Purchasing.



DIRT LOADERS (L. TO R.) ROWAN, S. BELCHER, PANKOVICH, TUTTLE, CAPTAIN SIZEMORE.



NEWS

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DICK MILLER (Right) discusses with his Foreman, Dick Myers, a suggestion which brought him a reward check recently. He had adopted a proposal for an improved lockout device for autoclave extrusion voves. Congratulations.



"B" SHIFT INSPECTION cast in the play "Safety Comes to Varnit Ridge": (L. to R.) Catherine Pearman, Charlotte Love, Betty Stultz, Glennis Boyd. The girls were real actors.



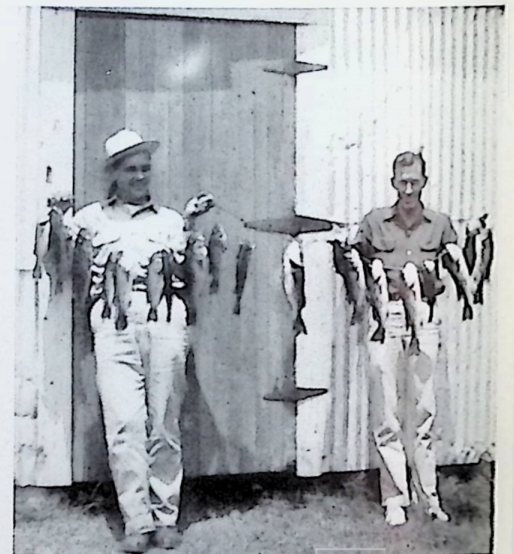
BRANTON MARTIN, Fire Marshall, pictured at the fire training school of the Ansul Chemical Company in Marinette, Wisconsin. 26 other Du Pont safety and Fire protection men attended the school June 6-8 and learned latest fire-fighting techniques. Branton will now pass on this valuable knowledge to the four highly-trained fire brigades here at the plant.



WOODSIE GARDNER admires a beautiful 22-inch rainbow trout he caught in the Hunting Camp Creek in Bland County on June 4. He has caught many there but this was the prize.



THIS two-pound crappie, one of the largest ever seen around this area was hooked by John Gauldin of P. & S. while fishing in Whittle's Lake. He challenges anyone to top this.



DAN REA and Cecil Hall, P. & S., had a real day at Knott's Island, N. C., with these bass caught in less than three hours. They averaged 13-16 in. The men are two of our best anglers.



(L. TO R.) Allen Kalbaugh, Al Connelly, Bill Criss, Julian Coleman, George Green and Ben Gardner, examine safety equipment at recent State Safety Conference in Richmond. All report a swell trip.

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .



Josephine Durham, Denier Room, to Oden Lee Duncan, P. & S.
Ruby Moore, Textile, to Lee Law, Axton, Va.

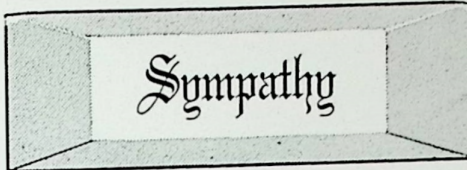


Avis Mullins, Tex., and Clyde Mullins, Ferrum, Va.
Betty Frith, Tex., and Jack Jones, Rocky Mount, Va.
Fred Koger, P. & S., and Betty Booth, Troutville, Va.
Charles Clement, P. & S., and Alice Jessup, Ararat, Va.
Macie Nolen, Textile, and Bernard West, P. & S.
Dorothy Ray, Textile, and Clyde Lackey, Lawsonville, N. C.
Louise Radford, Textile, and Bobby Jackson, Danville, Va.
Dorothy Martin, Tex., and J. E. Lawson, Stuart, Va.
Betty Isley, Inspection, and Richard Rickman, Leaksville, N. C.
Martha Hodges, Inspection, and Buford Young, Rocky Mount, Va.
Audrey Quesenberry, Textile, and Edwin Lee Nester, Hillsville, Va.
Joe Smith, Shipping, and Fairy Reynolds, Martinsville, Va.
Oleda White, Textile, and Clinton Davis, U. S. Army.
Connie Dalton, Textile, and A. J. Clark, Jr., Spray, N. C.
Paul Barnett, M. & P., and Peggy Keith, Amsterdam, Va.
Lucy Doss, Inspection, and Albert Gilley, Patrick Springs, Va.
Shirley Myers, Textile, and Barton Hines, Shorts Creek, Va.
Helen Rakes, Textile, and Harold Glover, Textile.
Margaret Ann Young, Textile, and Glen Cooper, Callaway, Va.



Juel Quesinberry, P. & S., a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, June 15, 1955.
Marshall Riggs, P. & S., a son, Robert Marshall, June 6, 1955.
Vance and Lillian Fulcher, P. & S. and Denier Room, a son, Bruce Brandon, May 19, 1955.
J. D. and Mary Fulcher, P. & S. and Denier Room, a son, Stephen Douglas, June 29, 1955.
Mary Parcell, Textile, a daughter, Carol Blanche, in June, 1955.
Louis Cole, Inspection, a daughter, Carolyn Yvonne, May 27, 1955.
Phil Scott, Cost Office, a son, P. M. Scott, Jr., June 4, 1955.
Perry Fuller, Service, a daughter, Joyce Ann, in June, 1955.
June Wigington, Textile, a son, Richard Lee, April 24, 1955.
Winifred Minter, Textile, a son, Phillip Anthony, May 30, 1955.
Peggy Perdue, Textile, a daughter, Jennifer Lee, May 28, 1955.
Gertrude McAlexander, Textile, a daughter, Bonita Sue, June 26, 1955.
Russell Minter, P. & S., a daughter, Theresa Gail, April 27, 1955.

Margaret Clarke, Pack Room, a daughter, Gwendolyn Joan, June 5, 1955.
Fred Bryant, P. & S. Maintenance, a son, Phillip Webster, June 20, 1955.
Roy Anderson, Paint Shop, a son, Terry Roy, June 23, 1955.



The plant personnel extends deepest sympathy to:
Margaret Clark in the death of her daughter.
James Purdy in the death of his mother.
Cecil Hall in the death of his sister.
Pauline Thompson in the death of her grandmother.
James Wagoner in the death of his grandmother.
Maxine Emerson in the death of her uncle.
Annie Donley in the death of her brother.
Frances Richardson in the death of her mother.
Tom Shaw in the death of his father.
Winnie Pillars in the death of her son.
Nancy Mabry in the death of her uncle.
Cecil Hall in the death of his sister.
Geneva Barker in the death of her father-in-law.
Paul Hairston in the death of his mother.
Aubrey Robertson in the death of his aunt.
Margie Philpott in the death of her father.
Merle Perdue in the death of her uncle.
Dorothy Cundiff in the death of her aunt.
Charlie Russell in the death of his brother.
Ann Freeman in the death of her aunt.
Sylvia Ayers in the death of her grandmother.

IN MEMORIAM



EVONNE GROGAN VIA

THE plant personnel was saddened again on June 1 to learn of the death of another fellow-employee—Evonne Grogan Via, a Drawtwist Operator on "A" Shift, Textile, T-8.

Evonne came to work with us in August, 1950, and since that time had made a host of friends.

THE BLENDER extends to her bereaved friends and family its deepest sympathy.



We extend a cordial welcome to the following new employees:

Barbara Brew, Joan Beatty, Roger Dysart, Thomas Robertson, John Blondell, Bessie Walthall, Elsie Bull, Susan Ricketts, Dena Lawless,

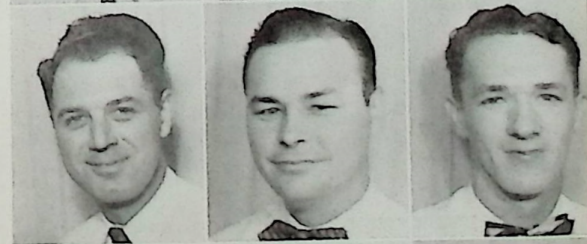


ABOVE (L. to R.) Lewis Robertson, son of Gladys Robertson, Maintenance, received his B. S. Degree from Elon College in June. Betty Lou Dulaney, daughter of Roy Mountcastle, Maintenance, and Donald Worley, son of Gretchen Worley, "B" Shift, Inspection, 1955, graduates from Drewry-Mason and Martinsville High Schools respectively. Congratulations!

Hazel Ingram, Shirley Martin, Nettie Williams, Mary Green, Cornelia Elgin, Patsy Ellis, Donie Stump, Joseph Pratt, Gretchen Puckelwald, Virginia Combs, Paul House, Thomas Pratt, Betty DuLaney, Evelyn Mills, Virginia Elliott, Julia Hubbard, Maxey Powell, Joan Clement, Melvin Thomas, Lula Nance, Shirley Shropshire, Ella Coake, Eunice Roark, Frances Gray, Jessie Price, Virginia Montgomery, Geneva Pulliam, Thelma Carter, Louise Helms, John Ramsey, George Pritchard, Kennon Boaz, Gary Joyce, Claude Riggan, Dorothy Henderson, Joy Martin, Harry Lee Daughtry III, Richard Potter, Lucy Cooper, James Cleary, James Woods, Jack Whisonant, James Holland, Thomas Bridges, James Martin, Mandell Goller, Janet Frith, Alton Caldwell, James Minter, Maggie Haynes, Gordon Gregory, Melissa Seals, Gene Young, Nellie Shilling, Norma Clifton, Bobbie Stone, Nora Tilley, Virgie Minter, Shelia Potter, Shirley Page, Betty Weddle, Barbara Powell, Ruth Austin, Beulah Hylton, Delano Gregory, Buck Cole, Garnette Motley, Nancy Edwards, Lucy Stegall, Richard Davis, Elizabeth Reynolds, James Shumate, Grace Hundley, Mary R. Shelton, Mildred Burgess, Carl Hakanson, Arlen Hampton, Richard Curry, David Moseley, Glynn Martin, Eldred Slaughter, Glenda Gallimore, Dorothy Walker.

ORGANIZATION CHANGES

(BELOW L. TO R.) F. J. (Mike) McCall, E. D. (Ed) Goodman, H. L. (Harry) Funk, Jr., C. E. (Clarence) Dickey, H. P. (Harold) Reid, R. F. (Bob) McRae, D. D. (Dave) Merrill, V. E. (Gus) Adams, R. T. (Bob) Howard. McCall and Goodman were transferred to Chattanooga as Personnel Superintendent and Assistant to the Plant Manager respectively; Funk returned to Martinsville as Personnel Superintendent; Dickey replaces Goodman as Power Supervisor here on August 1 and Reid replaces Dickey as Power Services Supervisor; McRae, Merrill and Adams were transferred to Chestnut Run Lab, Adams as Technical Service Supervisor and McRae and Merrill as Foremen; Howard was transferred to Charlotte, N. C. Sales Office.



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This small amount, invested so wisely, certainly is, to our minds, an opportunity to assure ourselves a good measure of the good things we want in life.



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING —THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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THE COVER

(LEFT TO RIGHT) Clarence Belcher and Ed Hopkins, "D" Shift, P. & S., chat with Du Pont President, Crawford H. Greenewalt during his visit to our Plant on July 22. For story and pictures of visit, see page 7.

ALWAYS TAKE THE AXE

You're a 20th Century Robinson Crusoe—the only survivor of a shipwreck. The vessel is about to break up on the reef. You can carry something ashore; not much. At hand are canned foods, a radio, an axe, clothing.

What to take? The decision will mean life or death on the desert island!

You could take the canned foods. But shortly you'd have nothing but empty tins. The portable radio—for the sound of human voices in your loneliness? But you can't build a shelter with rundown batteries. Clothing? It would soon rot away.

Now you have a tool. With the axe you can build shelter . . . defend yourself . . . kill animals for food . . . chop firewood. The axe multiplies your strength and skills.

Man, by himself, is a pretty puny fellow. But give him an axe and he's a world-beater. Better yet, give him an assembly line, machine tools, horse-power—and he'll provide himself the luxuries of peace or, if need be, the sinews for defense.

There's a problem, though. No one gives away assembly lines or machine tools. And it takes a \$23,000 investment in tools and materials for the average job with Du Pont.

Where do these tools come from? From ordinary private citizens who plunked their savings into shares of company ownership—in the hope of earning a profit.

We, in America, have chosen to take the axe, the tool—on a vastly magnified scale. This choice—of tools to produce more—has helped us to live better. Better than any people anywhere, at any time in the long, varied history of the world.

AN EMPLOYEE PROMOTION EVERY TEN MINUTES

Every ten minutes of each working day, a Du Pont employee somewhere in the company gets promoted. A recent survey of four Du Pont locations, plus an analysis of salary records, shows that in a typical work week 240 employees move to a position with greater responsibility, a new title, and higher pay—the equivalent of one promotion every ten minutes. On an annual basis, this indicates that some 12,000 employees, ranging from the newest operator to long-experienced management men, can look forward to that promotion sometime within this year.

"NOW" SPELLED BACKWARDS

When you spell "now" backwards you discover that it becomes "won" and those who have won success have learned that any steps taken toward one's goal must be accomplished without procrastination. A man is successful when he does not wait until tomorrow to do the things he might well do today.

A veteran circus performer was approached one day by an admirer who asked him how he came to possess the nerve to accomplish his feats of daring. "It's simple", replied the performer. "Throw your heart over the bars and your body will follow."

There is much truth in the philosophy of the trapeze artist because he is like the man who throws his heart into his job—is eager to get to it each morning and without hesitation confronts the tasks that are before him in the course of a day's work.

More than one man of ability and intelligence has failed to reach his goals of success because of procrastination, so the next time you see the word "now" visualize it as it is spelled backwards. You may find that it will help you.



ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA

THE HOME TOWN OF 150 DU PONT EMPLOYEES



(ABOVE) Sallie Hall, "B" Shift Inspection, with her children, Bernice Annie, age 8 and Teddy Joe, age 9 on Franklin Street, town's main business, shopping section.

(RIGHT) View of the beautiful Franklin County Court House which has recently been remodeled. It contains modern offices of the county's administrative officials.

(FAR RIGHT) Joanne Hodges, "B" Shift, Textile T-8, and son, Barry, pose in town's beautiful library with Bobbie Ramsey and Miss Corinne Walker, Assistant Librarian for several years.

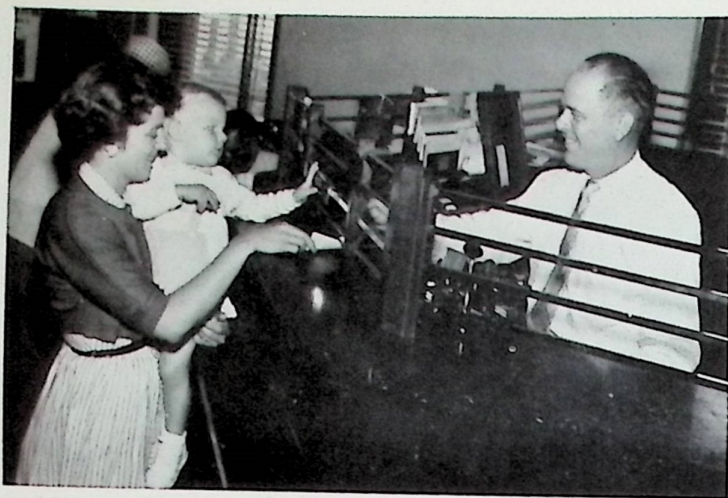


(EDITOR'S NOTE): This is the last of a series of features on the home towns of employees. Since May, 1954 we have covered the majority of towns and villages within a fifty mile radius of our plant. The places thus featured include the home towns of a big majority of our plant personnel. We trust that you have gained a better knowledge of these fine communities. We were treated royally by the officials of each place and we enjoyed every minute of our visits with them.)

ON U. S. Route 220, thirty miles North of Martinsville and almost midway between Martinsville and Roanoke, is a typical peaceful and industrial town in the center of a rich agricultural county. This town is Rocky Mount, Virginia, the county seat of Franklin County.

Historically, Franklin County was formed in 1785, having been carved from parts of Bedford and Henry Counties. Named for Benjamin Franklin, this area of 690 square miles became one of Virginia's eleven counties to be named after a famous American patriot. Rocky Mount, the chief town in the county, was incorporated in 1873 and is governed by a mayor and six councilmen. For years it has been known as one of the Old Dominion's greatest industrialized small towns. Three principal industries—the Bald Knob Furniture Company, the Angle Silk Mills and the R. O. W. Distributors (manufacturers of window units and distributors of building supplies)—employ more than 600 local citizens. Other smaller industries employ several hundred more.

The BLENDER proudly salutes this beautiful town which is the home of approximately 150 Du Pont employees. As in every other community we have featured, they take an active, and in many cases a leading part, in the civic, cultural and religious life for which the town is so justly proud.



JOANNE and Barry visit the Bankers Trust Company and transact business with Mr. Stafford Muse, Assistant Cashier. This bank, established in 1926, has resources of over \$4,000,000.00. It is a member of the Federal Reserve System and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

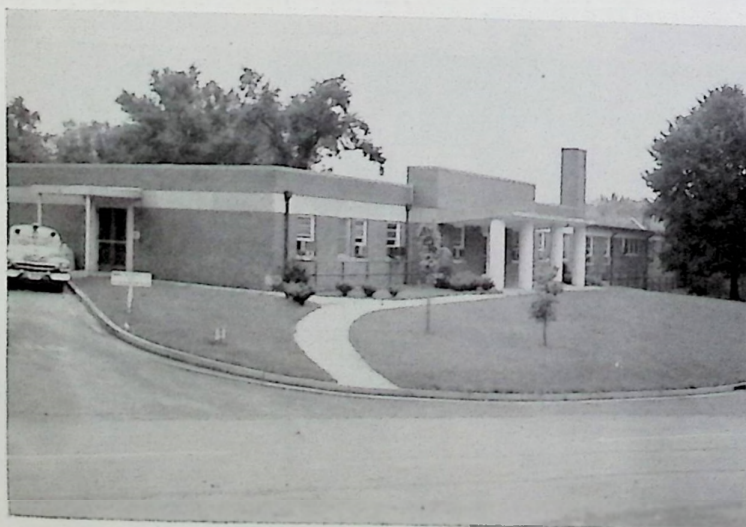


ANNIE NEAL, "B" Shift Inspection, and daughter, Barbara, age 12, chat with C. J. Davis, Executive Vice President of the Peoples National Bank. It has total assets of over \$10,413,000.00 and claims distinction of being the largest bank in America in a town the size of Rocky Mount.

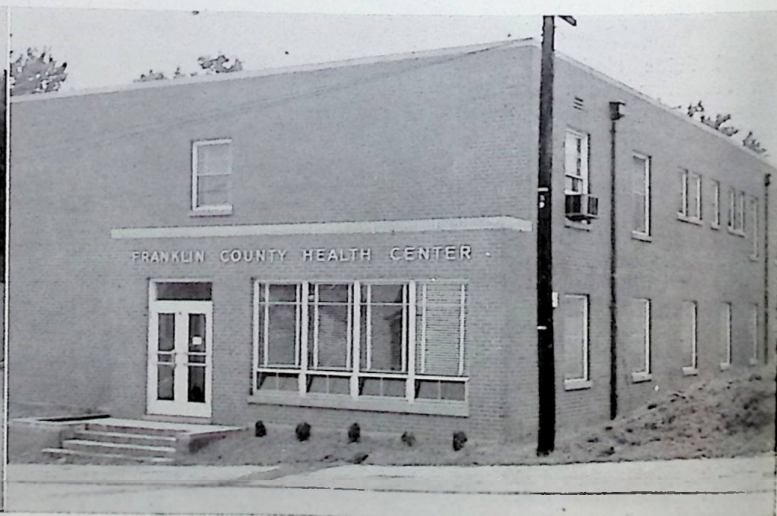


(LEFT) Casteen Davis, "B" Shift, Textile T-8, and son, Elwood, 5, in front of town's beautiful vine-covered Trinity Episcopal Church. It is one of the oldest churches in the entire county.

(ABOVE) Mildred Anderson, "B" Shift Inspection, is one of many of our employees who have built homes in town. She poses with her children, Roger Dale, 2, and Sherry Jean, 8.



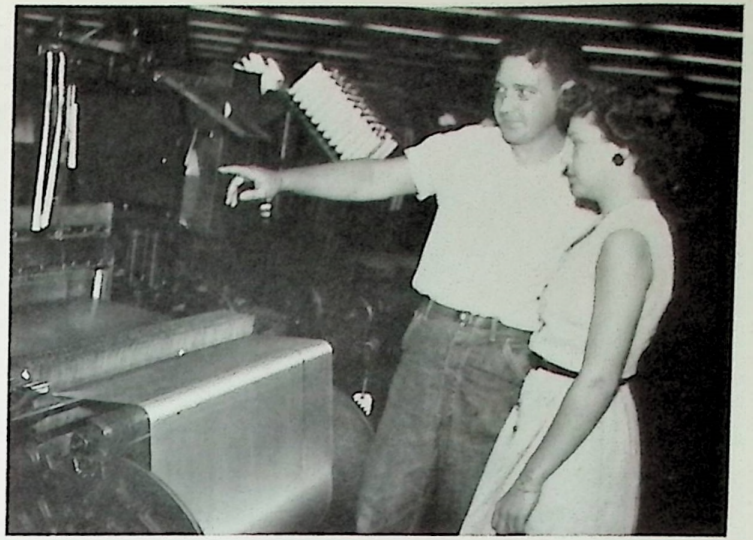
BEAUTIFUL Franklin County Memorial Hospital is located in Rocky Mount. Completed in 1952, it has 52 beds and is a \$250,000.00 a year enterprise. In order to give better services to the citizens of the county, it is fully staffed and gives nurses' aid courses to local women.



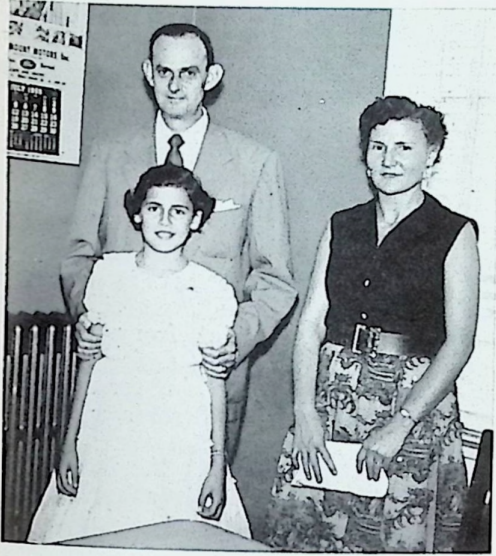
THE Franklin County Health Center, adjoining the hospital, was completed in April, 1954. Under the able direction of Dr. Thomas Christie, it is staffed with a sanitation officer, nurse and clerk to give further modern medical services to the hundreds of citizens of Franklin County.



THE Angle Silk Mill is a chief industry of Rocky Mount. It employs 275 local citizens and weaves silk and acetate dress materials. Donald Meeks shows his mother, Annie and sister, Barbara, one of the quills used on his job as shuttle filler. W. L. Spry is Superintendent of mill.



PEGGY DAVIS' husband, Mark, is also an employee of the mill. He shows her one of the weaving operations and a machine similar to one he tends. The mill, established in 1930, was the country's pioneer in weaving of acetate rayon fabrics and has enjoyed a constant trade.



ANNIE and Barbara pose with Mr. W. H. Angle, Mayor of Rocky Mount. He has held this high elective office for the past five years and has been a citizen of town all of his life.



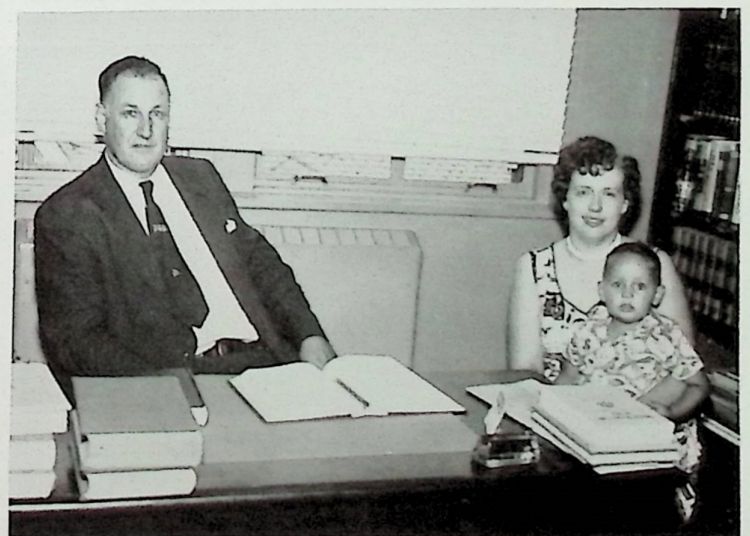
PEGGY DAVIS, "B" Shift, Textile T-8, Casteen and Elwood pose in rear of beautiful Franklin County High School. School is considered one of most modern and best equipped in state.



BALD KNOB is a small picturesque stone mountain on the East side of town and can be seen for miles around. It is not easily accessible and seldom visited. Peggy poses near its base.



THE furniture produced by the large Bald Knob Furniture Company is shipped all over the U. S. The plant employs 375 people the year around and is a big asset to the economic life of the community. Above is one of the company's fastest selling dressers, chests and bookcase beds.



VIRGIL GOODE has been commonwealth's attorney of the county for eight years. One of the county's outstanding citizens, he has served in the Virginia House of Delegates four years and has been a lawyer in the community since 1936. Mildred and Roger Dale pose with him.

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MAJORITY OF MARTINSVILLE PLANT EMPLOYEES JOIN THRIFT PLAN



LIKE many working at the Martinsville Plant, George Baker, "C" Shift Pump Room, has future aspirations requiring financial planning. He would like to combine his stock holdings with his Du Pont retirement income during that period in life when he will have time to do all the fishing he wants to. Also he would like an education for the children and a home with "the mortgage" an expression he has long forgotten. He and others in the Thrift Plan see it as a means to those ends.



LOIS DUNAGAN, Stenographic: "It affords means of saving for emergencies and long-range plans like education and retirement."



MAYNARD BROWN, Shipping: "I think the best feature is the rate of return, because it makes saving a 'must' for me and others."

"You just simply can't beat being paid to save your money."

This quotation from an employee of the Spinning Area, seems to express the thoughts of the majority of the employees on our Plant concerning the Company's recent Thrift Plan.

As of August 15, 61.4% of the wage roll employees had joined. This group signed up to the tune of \$41,547 per month for an average of \$29.80 per person. The salary roll check reveals that 87.1% are participating in the amount of \$16,108 per month for an average of \$34.05 per person. This gives us a plant total of 66.3% and a total of \$57,655 per month—an average of \$30.88 per person.

As stockholders in their own Company, employees will help put up money to expand and improve the business, and consequently, will be entitled to a fair return on their investment. Money invested for us will make up part of the \$23,000 needed to buy tools and equipment for each Du Pont job.

Of course we new owners will share in any stock advances. If the Company's past history and projected future development are sound financial indications, the stock should follow as the chemical industry continues to serve the basic needs of our ever-expanding country.

Martinsville Plant owners as other employee-owners of Du Pont stock, will enjoy a vantage point from which to watch their ownership. Quite often we will see our money working for us as the Company announces further additions, new plants, new products, new processes.

All of us dream about the future and the things we want for our families and ourselves and the Thrift Plan is a sound way to realize those dreams.

The BLENDER feels sure that the Plant participation average will rise as more and more of you become eligible to participate. We urge all of you who have not signed up and who are eligible, to consider the many good reasons given below.



JAMES WARRINGTON, Bobbin Stores, signing up with Foreman Kalbaugh: "This is really a dream come true for many of my future plans."

PRESIDENT GREENEWALT VISITS OUR PLANT

ON July 22, Du Pont President Crawford H. Greenewalt, accompanied by Ed Bleckwell, Production Manager of the Nylon Division, arrived at our plant around 9:20 A. M. From that time until 4:30 P. M., we venture to state he had one of the busiest days of his extremely busy career.

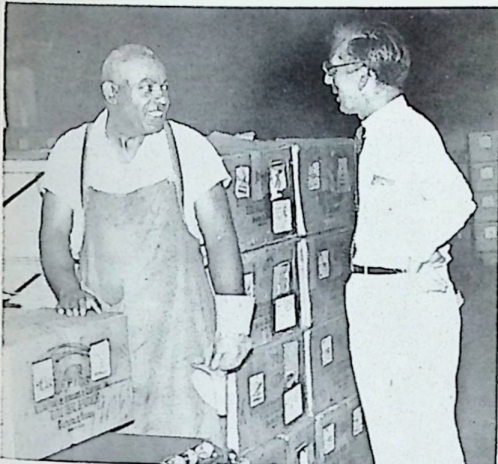
Starting in the Main Office, he was interviewed and photographed by local newsmen. After meeting the Staff and Office Personnel, he began a tour that took him over practically the entire plant. During the course of the tour he met and shook hands with several hundred employees—the entire personnel of several of the smaller areas of the plant.

Following the tour, he presented Plant Manager, Don Hartford, a Safety Certificate for seven years. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Don has complained that after signing several thousand, his boss was never here to give him one. Safety Supervisor Al Connelly and Ed Bleckwell thought this a good time to stop his complaints and conjured up the plan.) During the evening he was honored with a dinner by the Staff and Area Heads at Lynwood Club.

We have pictured here several of the employees Mr. Greenewalt met. At later interviews, they were all in accord with one of his attributes: "Gosh, wasn't it easy to talk with him? He seemed to be just like one of our plant supervisors."



HE chatted with Chaput in maintenance.



... JOHN DILLARD of Bobbin Stores Area.



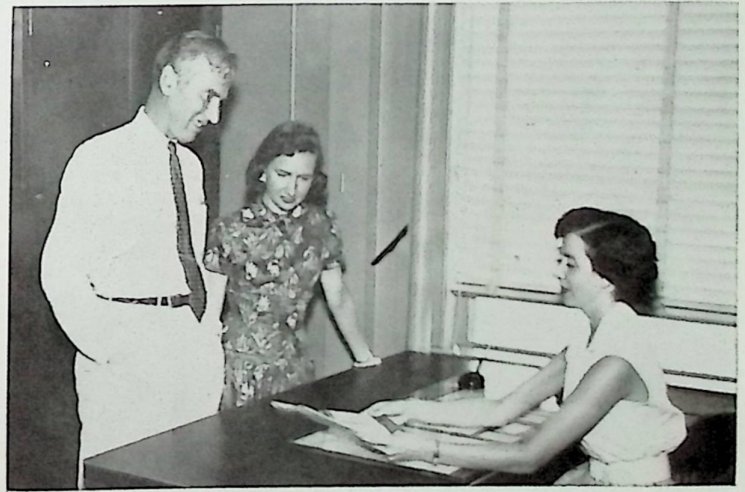
... BEADIE HUGHES, Beatrice Adkins, Textile.



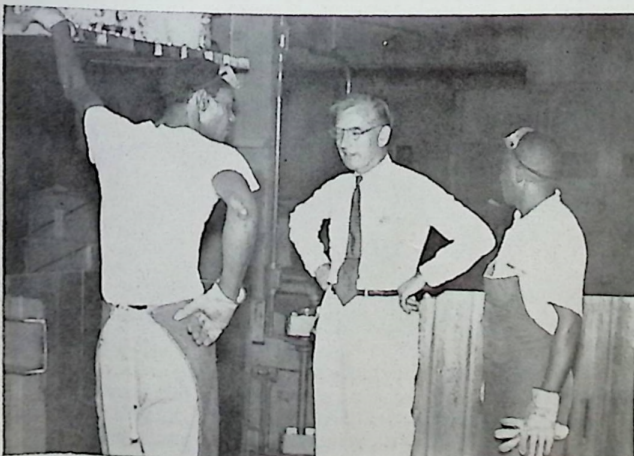
AND CYNTHIA TUGGLE of Inspection Area.



HE got dope on tabulating machines from Martha Drew, Eula Hill.



... AND BLENDER cover from Alene Rogers and Edith Boladz.



BALING operations of "Slim" Edwards and David Wade completely fascinated him.

and

HE made Don Hartford happy with his first safety certificate.



LOCAL TROOP 64 AT CAMP POWHATAN

LOCATED on Big Max Creek near Hiwassee in Pulaski County, Virginia, Camp Powhatan is the official camp for Blue Ridge Council 600 of the Boy Scouts of America. The Council comprises counties in Southwest Virginia.

The camp site, procured by the Council in 1949, consists of more than 400 acres of heavily wooded areas deep in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Facilities include a fully equipped dining hall, recreation building, shower house, recreation field, first aid building and health center. Fourteen camp tent sites are located around the property. Many improvements, including a four to five acre lake, are planned for the 1956 season.

Attendance at the camp has grown

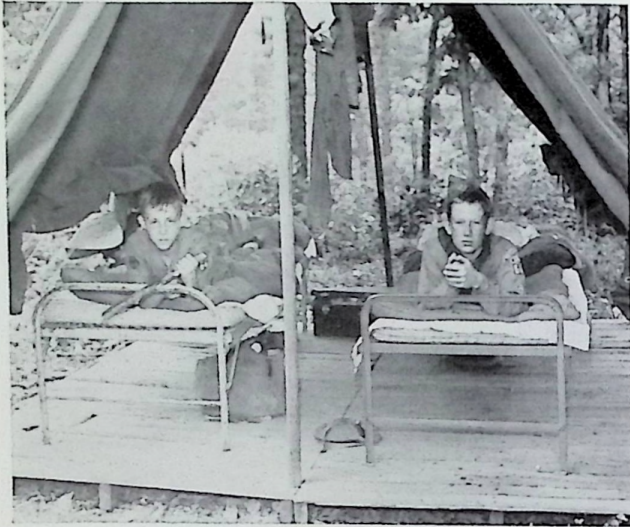
steadily from 322 in 1949 to an estimated 1,400 this year.

Under able instructors, the boys go on planned hikes, swim, practice on archery and rifle ranges, practice scout crafts, study nature, work on merit badges and, best of all, learn to be true, red-blooded American boys and the American way of life.

We have pictured on this and the next page a few of a day's activities of Martinsville Scout Troop 64 which is sponsored by the First Baptist Church. The troop is ably directed by Jim McMillian, Maintenance, Shelton Blackwell, Design, and Harold Dorton, Design. The boys of Troop 64 claim they are three of the best in the business of scouting anywhere.



LEARNING the reveille and taps is Branton Martin, Jr., son of Fire Marshall, Branton Martin. He hopes to be bugler on a future visit to the camp in mountains near Pulaski.



TENTS have floors, cots, mattresses and two Scouts are assigned to each. (L. to R.) Johnny Rist, son of Henry Rist, Project and "Scotty" Witherow, son of Jack Witherow, Textile.



CLEANLINESS is a "must" with Scouts. Dickey Shelton, "Butch" Rist, son of Henry Rist, John Dyches, son of Hamp Dyches, Maintenance, "Buzzy" Schiebe, George Branham, Jr., son of George Branham, Service, "scrub".



THE camp lake comes first on the recreational agenda of the boys. Here under the guidance of instructors and waterfront leaders many Scouts learn to swim. A larger lake to permit boating is planned for 1956. Water from mountain stream is clear, cool and healthy for boys.



BOYS at camp enjoy a beautiful mountain stream which flows nearby. Below camp stream is dammed to form a lake where Scouts swim and take instructions from their leaders every day.



HIKES from camp over unexplored surrounding mountains are highlights for the boys. Here returning from a trip are (L. to R.) Billy Ratcliff, Donald Wilder, Jimmy Gilley, "Scotty" Witherow, Worth Mathewson. Nature study is common on such hiking trips.



JACK HALL and "Buzzy" Schilbe were proud receivers of merit badge cards for first aid while at camp. A doctor is in attendance to guard health of boys during the camping season, June 13 through August 7. Merit badges are also presented for many other Scouting activities.



TROOP 64 is composed of 35 members, 19 of whom attended camp for a week during June. The boys occupied Rock Ridge camp site for the second year in succession and were under the very able leadership of Messrs. Dennis Wilson and Ed Griswold.



JUSTIAN KELLY, JR., son of J. A. Kelly, Project, posed in front of one of camp's totem poles. It was erected in 1951 by Troop 249 of Pulaski.



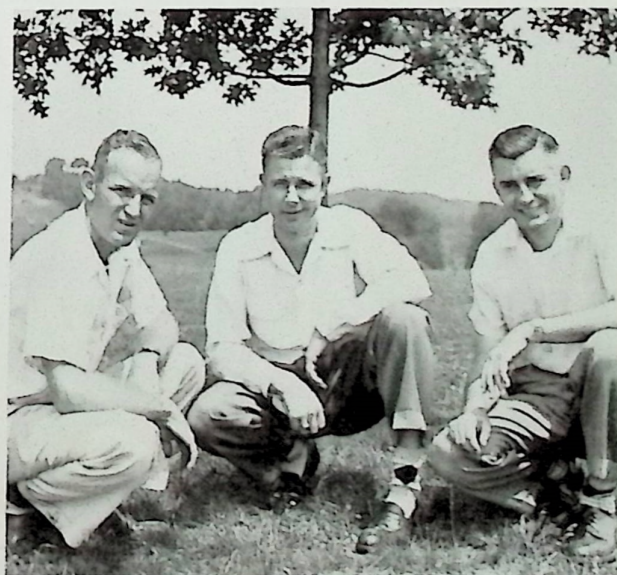
BILLY RATCLIFF, George Branham, Jr., "Butch" and Johnny Rist, Junior Leaders in health and safety, quartermaster, activities, crafts, respectively. Tom Dallas, waterfront, was on duty swimming when this picture was made.



(L. to R.) Donald Wilder and Worth Mathewson making belts. This is one of the many handcraft projects the boys engage in while in camp. Tables are at each camp site for such projects.



FAVORITE spots of boys at Camp Powhatan are the rifle and archery ranges. Here Bill Stroutamire and "Scotty" Witherow fire away under the instructions of Lewis Whitescarver. Another group, among which were several from Troop 64, await turn.



(L. to R.) Jim MacMillan, Maintenance; Shelton Blackwell and Harold Dorton, Design. They are Scout Master, Troop Committee Chairman and Assistant Scout Master.



ROBERT H. KOGER, JR.

WHEN you talk to a veteran employee like Bob Koger, of Textile Maintenance, about the past fourteen years here on the Martinsville Nylon Plant, you hear first about the changes he has seen. "We have had two major additions to the plant and added several hundred additional employees to our rolls. But one thing hasn't changed a bit in all that time," Bob says. "Competition. We still have competition and the honeymoon of our product has been over a long time now. It was a long one as honeymoons

"WE STILL HAVE COMPETITION"

ordinarily go. That period of carefree travel and confidence with little worry about the future.

"Nylon started on its honeymoon back in 1940, fifteen years ago—from the pilot plant to Seaford to Martinsville to Chattanooga. Beautiful new plants, the best of equipment, the finest personnel obtainable—all combined to try to keep up with the demand for the new 'miracle fiber' which came from the test tubes of our research laboratories.

"The picture today is entirely different. True, there is still a great demand for nylon. The product itself has been constantly improved and many new uses have been found for it. But several others are now manufacturing nylon and a great number of other 'man-made fibers' are competing for the customer's favor."

And the fact is though, Bob points out, that many of the changes he has seen on this plant are actually the result of this intense competition. For winning favor in our industry and market places a premium on giving the customer more

for his money—upon new methods, new ideas, new processes, greater operating efficiency.

For this reason, every person on this plant begins to compete the moment his name is placed on our rolls. Whatever our job, the way we do it is reflected in the nylon which leaves our shipping platform. How it stacks up against competitors' in terms of quality, cost, time, performance, etc., determines whether our plant succeeds or fails.

This is no strictly local phenomenon. What is true here is true elsewhere in Du Pont. In addition to nylon, our Company faces major competitors in plastics, coated fabrics, photo products, explosives, pigments, paints, synthetic fibers—the whole range of its product lines.

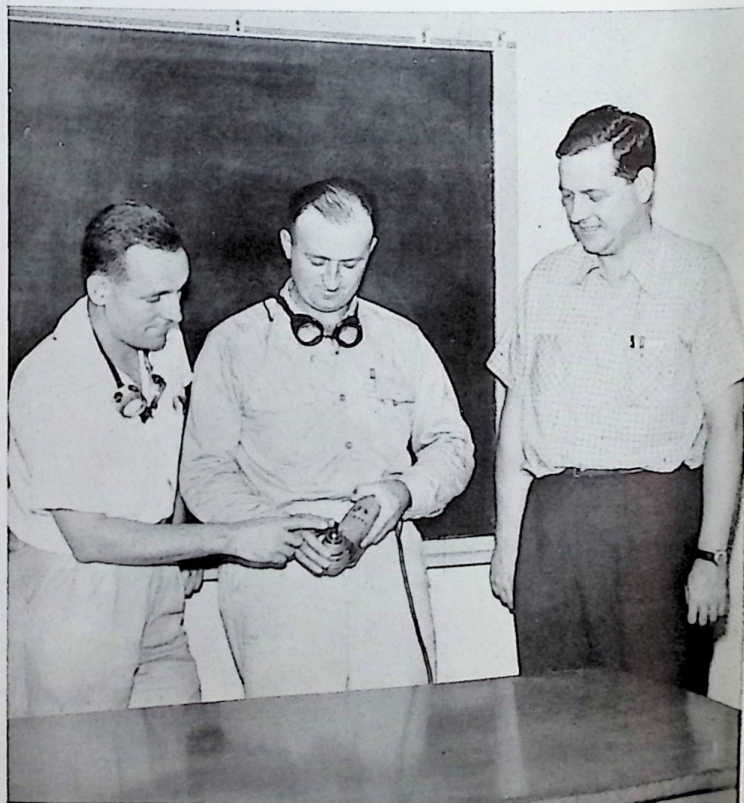
Yes, the honeymoon is over and we can assure our security by producing the highest quality nylon that we know how to produce.

Some of the steps we can all take to assure a quality product day after day are pictured on this and the opposite page.



ATTENTION TO STANDARD PROCEDURES:

FOLLOWING standard practices and carrying out instructions to the letter are basic ways we can help meet competition. (L. to R.) Katie Highfield, Crystal Hundley and Inez Hutchens discuss code book before making up packing tickets. Wrong codes cause serious customer mixes.



NEW IDEAS:

SEEKING better ways to do a job is an important step in meeting competition. E. R. Phillips, Morton Brown and Jim Thomas, Project, discuss a right angle drill motor attachment Morton recently suggested and had adopted. In 15 years he has turned in 25; had 12 adopted.



WASTE REDUCTION:

REDUCING waste is a constant task for all trying to meet competition. Job security is undermined when production and quality are offset by it. The efficiency of a group is soon judged by its waste record. Above, Mary Turner shows a plant waste chart to her class of new employees.

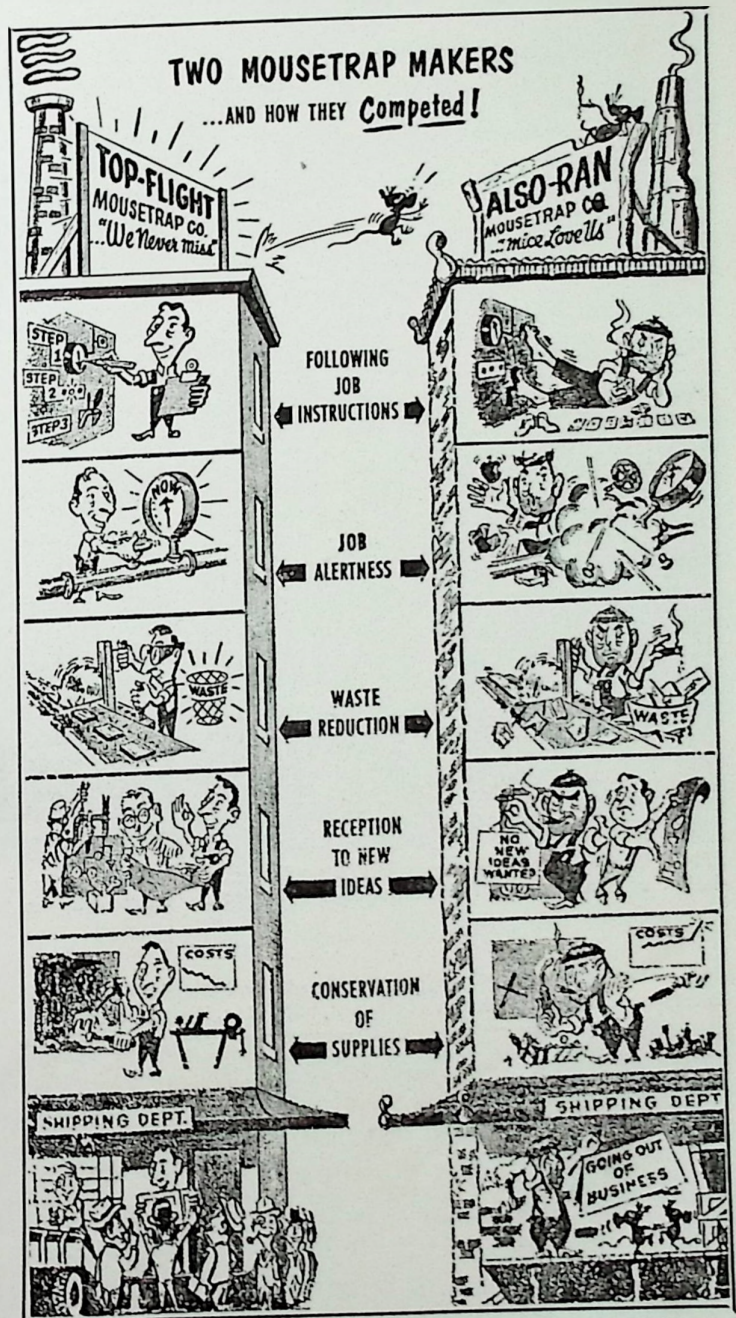
CONSERVATION OF SUPPLIES:

CONSERVING operating supplies is an important contribution employees can make to keeping costs down and meeting competition. (Above, right) Items displayed by Glenn Hardee are again getting out of line. It is estimated the use of these throughout plant can be reduced 25%-50%.



ALERTNESS ON THE JOB:

ALERTNESS to process variations is an employee responsibility in meeting competition. Off-standard conditions such as the scales in Denier Room should be immediately reported to supervision. Here Marie Whitlow, "C" Shift, reports such a condition to her Lab Foreman, Davis Walker.



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A UNIQUE LAKE DOCK BUILT BY PRILLAMAN

VANCE PRILLAMAN, Textile Maintenance, has just designed and completed a unique dock on his one and one-half-acre farm lake. Constructed on drums, the dock has three different swimming compartments built within it to accommodate and protect children of various ages. A dressing room is also on the dock entrance.

We have pictured here a recent visit to the lake by Plant Manager, Don Hartford and several other Du Ponters.



ODELL MORAN, "D" Shift, P. & S., T-9, wife Iva, and children, Larry and Karen have a fine day with the fish in Vance's lake. Larry has just landed a nice one. Lake was stocked last year.



BRENDA PRILLAMAN, EVONA, LAURA and WILDON ADKINS, MARTHA and RONALD MYERS, SWIM IN THE COMPARTMENT DOCKS and LAKE.



DON HARTFORD congratulates Vance on the completion of many days of hard work on lake dock.



VANCE takes Don, Peggy Amos and Ruby Prillaman, "C", Textile, for a ride.



(LEFT TO RIGHT) Ruby and Peggy pose at edge of boat dock. Ruby is daughter-in-law of Vance.

MRS. PRILLAMAN and daughters, Brenda and Mortha, surprised visitors with a kingsize lunch of chicken, ham, corn, iced tea, cake, etc.



THE wonderful and gracious hosts, Vance and Mrs. Prillaman, pose in front of their home. He purchased the 41 acre farm and home ten years ago.



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A black and white photograph of seven young people, four men and three women, standing in a row. They are dressed in formal attire, including suits, dresses, and a tuxedo. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

NEW Martinsville residents who recently visited our plant. (L. to R.) Rev. Robert Cooke, Pastor of Calvary Christian Church; Mrs. Alicia Hardin, D. C. E., Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. and Rev. L. W. George, formerly of Wesley Methodist Church; Rev. Shields Webb, Starling Ave. Baptist Church; A. C. Sharpe, Manager of the local Woolworths and Mrs. Shields Webb.



SERVICE GROUP FIELD DAY WAS BIG SUCCESS

THE Service Group field day on Saturday, July 9, proved to be a big success when approximately 150 children and parents turned out for an evening of contests.

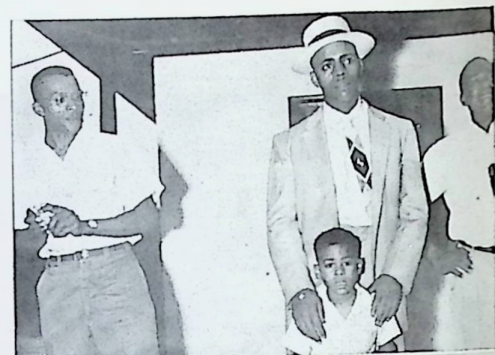
Medals were awarded 34 boys and girls from six through fifteen years of age who were winners in the dashes, tennis ball throws, egg races, sack races, softball and baseball throws and running broad jump.

Prizes were awarded to the boys and girls in various age groups for accumulating the most points. These winners were

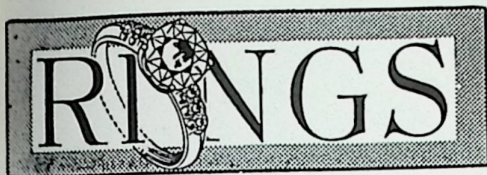
Doris Johnson, Louis Preston, Patricia Martin, Earl Wright, Edna Dillard, Fulton Green, Jr., Iris Mahon, Titus Fuller, Jean Via and John Preston. Jean Via and Louis Preston also received prizes for the girl and boy getting the most points during the entire field day. The draw prizes of radios went to Patricia Mae Martin and Warren Hylton.

Following the contests, ice cream, cookies and soft drinks were served.

For proof that the youngsters had lots of fun we have pictured some of the events for each age group on this page.



PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .



Edna Williams, Textile, to Herman Vaughn, Claudville, Va.



Shelba Potter, Textile, and Cecil Rigney, Penhook, Va.

Ruby Harbour, Textile, and Terrell Martin, Appomattox, Va.

Betty Carter, Textile, and Ralph Byrd, Bassett, Va.



H. Preston, P. & S., a daughter, Cynthia Ann, July 9.

Robert Johnson, P. & S., twins, Michael David and Martha Denice, May 6.

Frances Carter, Textile, a daughter, Debora Lynn.

Oliver and Eunice Ingram, P. & S. and Textile, a son, Gary Randolph, July 21.

Clark and Lillian Merchant, P. & S. and Process Control, a son, Linford Keith, July 16.

Neil Murphy, Process Control, a son, Donald Andrews, July 2.

Grover Dudley, Service, twins, Joelette and Juliaette, July 28.

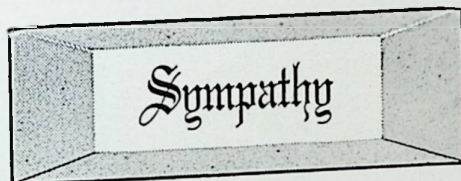
Sam Watkins, Service, a daughter, Christine Lenener, July 28.

Dorothy Weaver, Stenographic, a daughter, Kathy Reed, July 21.

Robert Foster, Bobbin Storage, a son, Gene Maurice, May 30.



Doris Chaney, Jessie Hall, Pauline Shelton, Lula Fisher, Mary Adams, Ethel Allen, Lonnie Matthews, Jr., Douglas Shelton, Carole Adam, Shirley Hodges, Peggie Hennis, Juanita Young, Josephine McGuire, Reba Hairfield, Betty Smith, Shelva Williams, Patricia Belcher, Fannie David, Hattie Fulcher, Mary Boothe, Loverne Stanley, Nona Clifton, Josephine Shelton, Nancy Hylton, Nelda Turner, Maxwell Warden, Jr., Wayne Dodson, Harold Bowden, Cornelia Setliff, Nancy Barbour, Juanita Cox, Nancy Gauldin, Nadine James, Bonnie Jefferson, Alma Gray, Mary Clark, Shirley Arrington, Patricia Patterson, Sylvia Cockram, Reba Carter, Bernice Earls, Marvilee Salmons, Bernice Hill, Nancy Campbell, Alice Preston, Frances Curry, Emma Eanes, Joyce Houston, Mary Morris, Audrey Eanes, Janice Wingfield, Elsie Goad, Galilee Newman, Patsy Colangelo.



Jack Wright in the death of his father.
Carrie Manley in the death of her aunt.
Malvern Robertson in the death of his father.

Jinnie Mitchell in the death of her uncle.
Christine Hopkins in the death of her aunt.

John Woods in the death of his brother.
E. R. Seals in the death of his father.
B. H. Woodard in the death of his grandmother.

James Bowles in the death of his mother.
Odell Hubbard in the death of her father.
John Jarrell in the death of his aunt and uncle.

Fred Robbins in the death of his father.
Gloal Holland in the death of her father.

TRAVEL BOOM HIGHLIGHTS 1955 VACATION PLANS

If Du Pont's 85,000 vacationers follow national trends, the largest portion of their 200,000 weeks of leisure in 1955 will be spent "on the move." Prime family transport will be the automobile, which will carry an estimated 50 million visitors to the national parks alone. All told, the domestic travel industry anticipates an \$8 billion gross in 1955.

U. S. Family Income-After-Taxes Climbed 30 Per Cent Since 1929

Income after taxes* of the average U. S. family has risen 30 per cent in 25 years; from about \$3,700 in 1929 to \$4,820 in 1954. If present trends continue, the figure may rise to \$6,600 per family by 1980. Sparking this rise is high productivity—greater total output of goods and services.

*In today's dollars.

10-YEAR SERVICE PINS

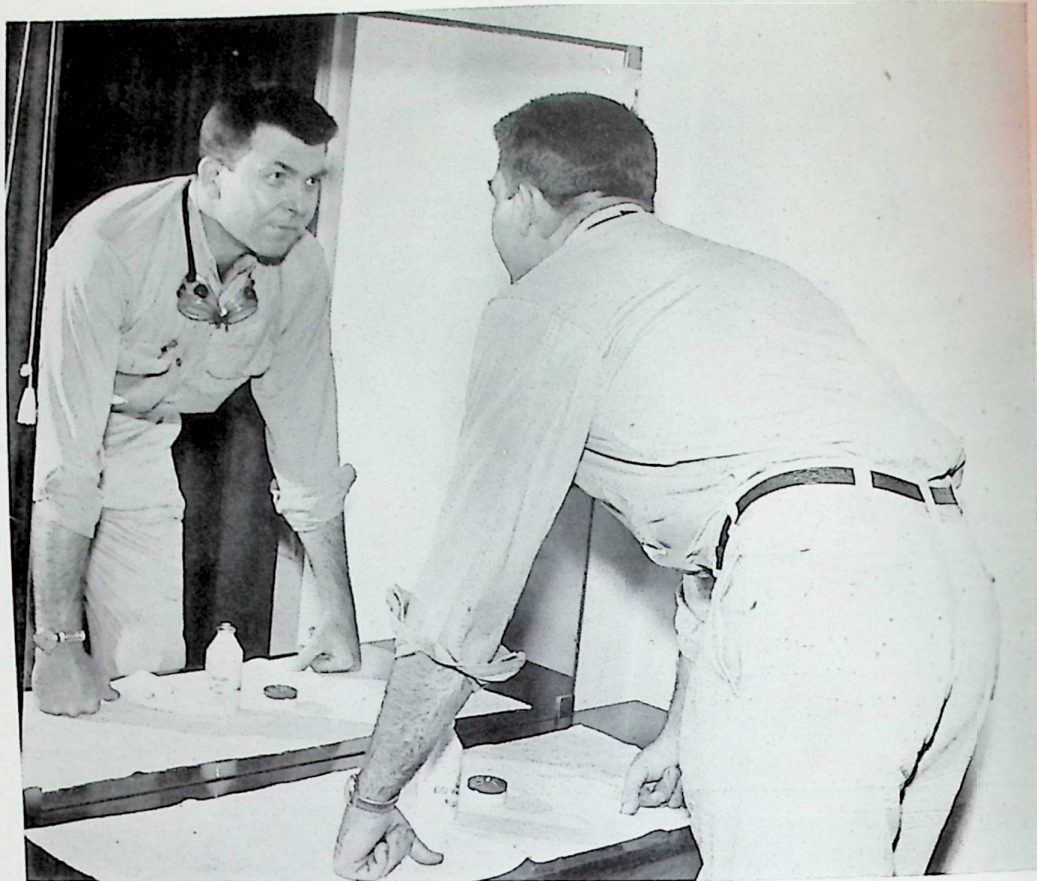


(L. to R.) Marie Hazelwood and Etta Handy, Process Control; Edgar and Clarence Robertson, Project and Maintenance; Eliza DeShazo, Stenographic, and Morton Wyatt, P. & S. T-9.

5-YEAR SERVICE PINS

Garland English.....	P. & S. T-9
Roy Joyce.....	P. & S. T-8
Ernest Conner.....	P. & S. T-8
Arva Dean.....	P. & S. T-8
Kenneth Barrow.....	P. & S. T-9
Rudolph Jones.....	Maintenance
James Moore.....	P. & S. T-8
Vance Fulcher, Jr.....	P. & S. T-8
Cordie Walker.....	Inspection
Ruby Harbour.....	Textile T-8
Doris Harmon.....	Textile T-9
Willis Johnson.....	Maintenance
George Priddy.....	Textile T-8
George Tetter, Jr.....	P. & S. T-9
Donald Wyatt.....	P. & S. T-8
Jessie Mason.....	P. & S. T-8
R. J. Ferguson.....	Maintenance
Maynard Thompson.....	P. & S. T-9
Billy Shorter.....	P. & S. T-8
Herbert DeHart.....	P. & S. T-9
Peter Herbison.....	Maintenance
John Orander.....	P. & S. T-9
L. A. Chitwood.....	P. & S. T-8
Robert Burns.....	Process
James Hare.....	Process
Richard Pegram.....	Inspection and Shipping
Louise Pagans.....	Textile T-8
Artie Milton.....	Textile T-9
Iva McMillan.....	Textile T-9
Evelyn Campbell.....	Textile T-8
Paulina Still.....	Textile T-8
Genevieve Craddock.....	Textile T-9
Ercell Hodges.....	Inspection

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One Who Can Do*



THE MOST FOR HIS SAFETY

Since 1802, it has unquestionably been good business for our Company to promote aggressively the prevention of personal injuries. This interest in the individual's welfare has tended to foster a feeling of confidence and understanding.

Who can measure in dollars and cents the value to anyone of us of a hand, a foot or an eye. It is more than good business to us as individuals to be free of injury and of the possible impairment caused by the injury.

An unthinking moment, a careless move, or an

unguarded act may trigger action resulting in the loss of a finger or even more serious injury. Whatever the cause, in the final analysis, whether on or off the job, we alone can be fully responsible for developing the safety state of mind which is so necessary for the elimination of all injuries.

Let's all of us take a good look into the mirror, as Ross Yearout of Power is doing, and see the person who can do the most for our personal safety. The rewards possible may make us glad that we did.

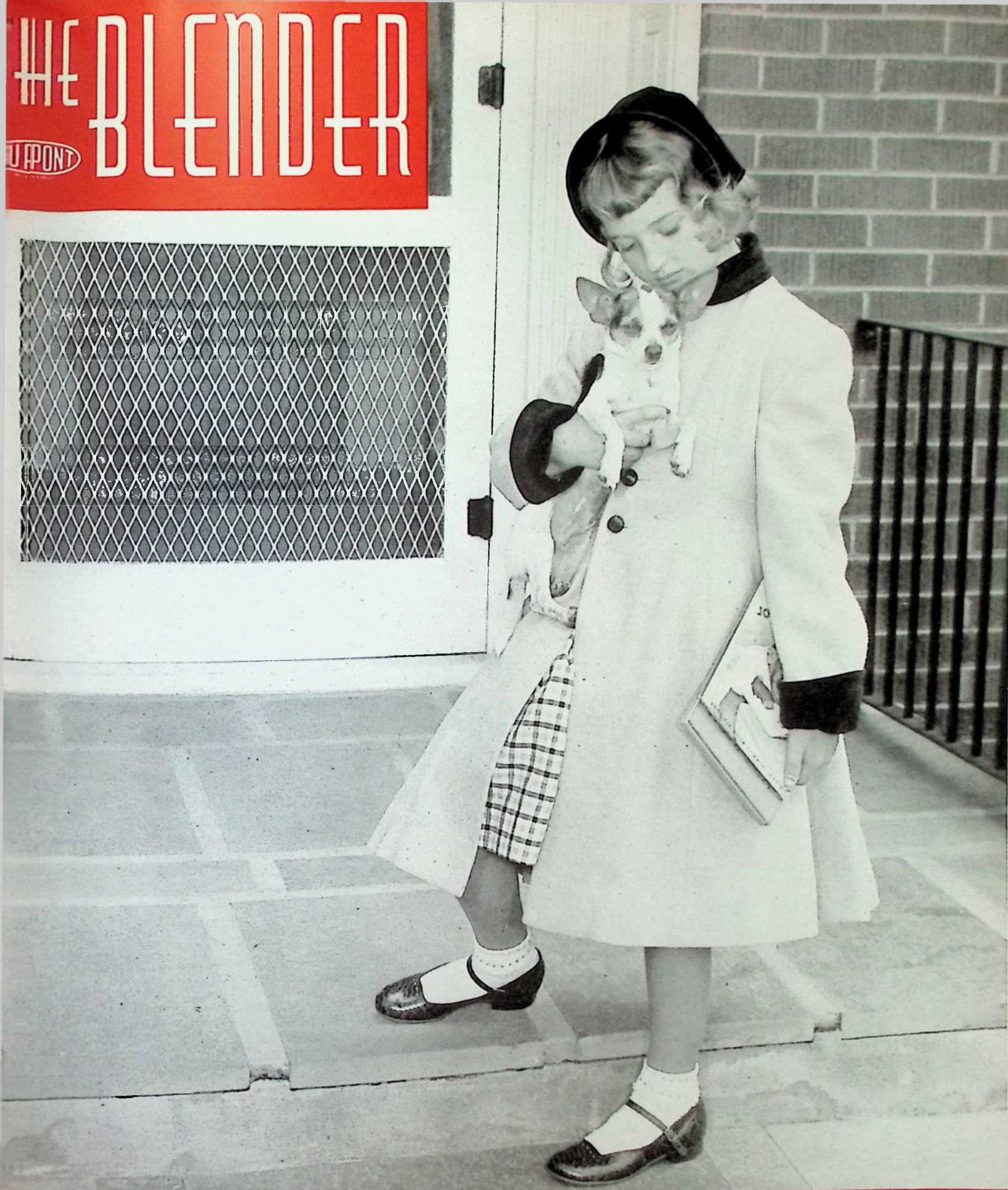
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BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING —THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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THE COVER

MARGARET HOPE MORRIS, daughter of Margaret Todd, "B" Shift, Inspection, typifies many youngsters who sadly left their pets behind to attend school for the first time this year. She is attending John Redd Smith School in Collinsville. (Margaret's coat and hat courtesy Louise's Stork Shop on River Road.)

"SOUNDING OFF"

If we are to have the kind of safety performance we all want—the kind that we can be proud of—there is one thing that each of us must do: "stand up and be counted."

Every now and then when a group is together, someone will make a remark or offer a personal opinion on a subject. You may not be in agreement with this remark or opinion. The chances are that you will come right back with your own point of view, in no uncertain terms. Maybe an argument will develop; but, in any case, you do not just let the whole business slide and keep your mouth shut.

When you "sound off," you are doing exactly what we are talking about. You are letting yourself "stand up and be counted." You are telling everyone who will listen that you have a definite point of view, an opinion of your own, and good reasons why. In other words, you are not a "rubber stamp." You are not afraid to disagree.

In safety, more than in most things in life, it is essential that each of us declare his opinion and ideas.

Suppose one of your fellow employees is violating a safety rule regarding eye protection. He is doing a grinding job that requires only a minute or less. Supervision is not present to note that this man is risking blindness. YOU are the man to decide to "stand up and be counted" or "sit down and be mum." The question is—what can YOU do?

YOU can decide that you don't want to get involved in an argument and walk away; or, YOU can tell the fellow just why you think eye protection is very important.

Maybe you will set the fellow thinking. Maybe your attitude will help him form an opinion of his own. Maybe he will come to the same conclusion you have—that safety is more than worth the effort. And, maybe if you sell him on the idea of safety, he will sell somebody else the same idea.

If you let yourself "stand up and be counted" as a believer in safety, you can start a chain reaction all by yourself. The results can be a lot bigger than you might think at first glance.

If each of us takes a firm stand for safety and do our best to persuade the people we work and live with to do the same, our safety performance will show remarkable improvement. And after four sub-majors since January it can well show a big improvement. We believe that each and everyone of you will agree.

THAT EXTRA TASK

In every generation there are men who do just what they are paid to do. There are others who do a little bit more than they are asked to accomplish. What, then, are the rewards of the man who expends a little more effort in both his plant and community life?

In the first place, he broadens his horizons. His experiences are many, and his circle of friendship is large. Secondly, like a weight lifter who increases his power each day, the man who takes on added responsibilities learns to execute them with little more effort than the man who never tries.

There is an old saying that the busy man has time for everyone. And when we study the lives of men who have gained stature in our community we marvel at the fact that leaders in philanthropic drives and civic accomplishment are also holding down the positions of great responsibility in either office or shop.

STOCKHOLDERS STILL INCREASE

Our company was owned by 152,855 stockholders as of June 30, 1955, an increase of 1,020 over the number of holders recorded at the close of the first quarter of 1955, and an increase of 4,508 over the number on June 30, 1954.

There were 137,582 holders of common stock, and 21,720 holders of preferred stock as the second quarter period of 1955 ended. These figures include 6,447 holders of more than one kind of stock.

Every state in the union is represented among the owners of the company.



A GROUP OF CITY'S PATRICK HENRY SCHOOL TEACHERS REVIEWING AND DISCUSSING RECORDS DURING THEIR PRE-SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

YOUNG DU PONTERS BY THE HUNDREDS RETURN TO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER is school time . . . the time when youngsters throughout our country return to classrooms for another nine months of supervised education.

Hundreds of children belonging to employees of our Martinsville Plant are among the "queens" and "bashful beaus" meeting school work for the first time or for a return session.

The first days of a new school year are normally met with mixed emotions. For the first grader, going to school is a great adventure; for other youngsters, the first days mean giving up that wonderful "summer freedom." For the high schoolers, the first days are often welcomed, for they mean that graduation is a few days nearer. For them, it means advanced study and preparation, longer hours of homework, and—of course—football games, club meetings, girl friends, boy friends, annuals and class rings.

The younger youngsters are generally unconcerned with major problems that baffle the experts from day to day. Rather, for them, school is where many of their life-long memories—friends, games, teachers—originated. For parents, school days mean revising the household schedules completely.

Yes, school is a great American industry. One whose job it is to help produce good citizens. Machinery, however, is absent from the classroom. It cannot manufacture a well-educated youngster. Only the careful and untiring personal efforts and interest of our teachers can help develop children's minds to meet the world of tomorrow. Our teachers have an important job of trust and responsibility. To them we owe our continued interest and cooperation. Let's pledge them our help Now!



CHOOSING the wearing apparel is a school-day chore of parents. Here Helen Foster, "B" Shift, Cafeteria, gives Nancy Carrol's new dress a final good check.

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AN annual correction of teeth is important to school-age youngsters. Dr. Robert Mason explains correct method of cleaning them to Linda Marie Clarke, daughter of Marie Clarke, Maintenance, looking on.



PARENTS like for kids to look neat, at least until time for the playground. Nine year old Don, son of Justice and Ada Ramsey, "B" P. & S. and Textile is no exception. Above he gets approving eyes.

COUNTY AND CITY HAVE RECORD ENROLLMENTS FOR 1955-56 SESSION

AMERICA'S children right now are caught in the middle of the most serious educational crisis in our history. With the tremendous growth in enrollment of the past ten years expected to continue for the next decade, the public school systems throughout the country are faced with a variety of mounting problems.

Although the situation in our county

and city is not as critical as in some sections, we must continue to support our officials to meet the challenge.

The county enrollment this year will be approximately 8,500, an increase of over 1,700 in ten years. At least 1,000 more can be expected by 1960. Immediate plans are for a new school at Graves Knob and future plans are being considered for buildings at Camp Branch and

Preston sections.

The city enrollment this year will be approximately 3,800 by the end of September, an increase of over 2,000 in ten years. This may be expected to be increased by a thousand also by 1960. City plans call for a new 475-pupil school in the West End and a three-room addition to East Martinsville School.

Yes, our officials really need our help.



FIFTH grade youngsters at the local Patrick Henry School grouped around their teacher, Miss Margaret Menzies, as she reads them an interesting story. The big school has a record enrollment for 1955-56.



(L. TO R.) Lois Jean Ziglar, Cornith Burgess, Jr., Geraldine Draper chat before entering Albert Harris High classes. They are teen-agers of James Ziglar, Cornith Burgess and James ("Blue") Draper, all of Service.



APPLES for the teacher. These typical tokens of appreciation for teachers everywhere are carried by (left to right) Laverne, age 9, Edward, Jr., 10 and Donna, 6, children of Wilma Moore, "B" Shift, Textile, Type 8. All three are students at the Joseph Martin School.



PARENTS often offer valuable assistance to their children by helping them with their homework. Mildred Mitchell, "B" Shift, Denier Room, gives such assistance to sons, Donnie, age 11 and Bill, 8. They are in the sixth and third grades respectively at the Joseph Martin school.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING

WHETHER it's a new dress, a new sweater, or a pair of blue jeans, kids like to show they know what they want when mother purchases their new school clothes. The BLENDER lets you in on "behind the scenes" expressions of Nancy Brenda Hopkins, 7, daughter of Christine Hopkins, "B", Textile, as she reviewed pair after pair of shoes—like most women—before seeing a pair she wanted. Selection was made at the local McCollum-Ferrell Shoe Store recently.



"NOW, let me see. There are so many!"



"NO, that pair doesn't appeal to me."



"WILL I ever be able to decide?"



"GOODNESS, this makes me so tired."



"NOW, that looks more like my kind."



"YES, I'll take these, thank you, Mrs. Smart."

What's A Child Worth?



Suppose it's your child. What would your answer be? "Priceless", of course.

There are so many ways to express your love for a child—amuse him, caress him, understand him, protect him . . . and drive well, with care.

Why?

Because more children one to fourteen years old are killed as a result of motor vehicle accidents than by polio, heart disease, cancer, tuberculosis, or any of the most dreaded childhood diseases! In an average year, one out of five (approximately 2,000) of the pedestrian fatalities are children under fifteen years of age. Two-fifths are toddlers not yet five years old.

Kids often materialize out of thin air—right into the motorist's path.

Be on the alert for them as they speed along on bikes or roller skates . . . as they

dart out from behind parked cars . . . as they hesitate on the curb, then plunge across the street.

And be sure to watch for them at ALL crossings—marked or unmarked.

Even when you don't see them, they may be dangerously near. So watch carefully for the **TELLTALE** signs that warn: "Youngsters Around". These signs are bikes, wagons, shouts, laughter, "school slow" signs, parks, playgrounds, etc.

Each telltale cautions—"a little less speed . . . a little more alertness . . . a little more understanding of youthful impulsiveness."

A bit of extra care, especially since school has started, may mean the difference between life and death for some youngster.

Yes, when the question above is asked, **ALL** have the same answer—"Priceless."

GOOD IDEAS

- Drive with extra caution whenever you see children playing near the roadway.
- Slow down in residential areas and near all schools and playgrounds.
- Watch out for youngsters on tricycles, scooters and wagons.
- Steer clear of bicycles.
- Watch all crossings—marked or unmarked.
- Slow down at playgrounds and parks.
- Obey all laws regarding school buses.
- Always expect the unexpected from children.

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YOU HAVE TO...



GO TO BAT

DID you ever stop to think what your chances of winning are when you drop a suggestion in the Suggestion Box?

It's a big league game you're in when you try your hand at a Suggestion Award. In the first six months of 1955, for instance, employees batted .366. That's on the basis of 426 suggestions submitted and 156 adopted.

No big league ball player is doing this well as we go to press. Take Mickey Mantle, the slugging hero of the New York Yankees, for example. His batting average is .310.

Baseball's all-time great in the hitting department, Rogers Hornsby, set the sport's hitting record in 1924 with the Cardinals of St. Louis with an average of .424.

This all adds up to the fact that to hit the ball you've got to go to bat. In the Suggestion Plan that means first having an idea, and second, putting that idea to paper and dropping it in the Suggestion Box. A lot of you suggesters could make Hornsby look like a minor leaguer.

Furthermore, in the Suggestion Plan you can go to bat any time you're ready. A home run is sure to earn a cash award and many hits pay off in cash awards of varying degrees.

The disturbing factor is, however, that the fine batting mark we have is coming from too few employees. That splendid mark of .366 was compiled by only 265 employees. We want everybody—both men and women—in the game.

Chances are good that you'll get a hit—but you have to go to bat!



BATTING chomp thus far for the first six months in 1955 is Herbert Jones (Left) talking to Foreman Dave Cunningham. He has five suggestions and five adoptions. His latest one—and a fine one—was to modify the area's calrod storage rack.



GIRLS can get hits, too. Shirley Boyte, "B" Textile, T-9, shows Foreman Ben Wingfield her suggestion to provide a container on the Textile toping tables for rubber bands. Suggestion saves the bands and makes good housekeeping.



OFTEN first suggestion is adopted like Virginia Barker's of "C" Textile, T-8. She explains it to Esma Mills: taping sharp edges of head and base of metal pins as a safety measure for conditioners locating rough spots. She, like others on this page, went to bat and secured a hit.



SIMPLICITY pays off, too. Jimmy Carter, Inspection, explains his adopted idea to Forelady Katie Highfield. He suggested export cartons could be reused by simply not stamping them and, bingo! he received an award check. This was one of several "hits" Jimmy has secured.

Reactionary...or...Revolutionist?



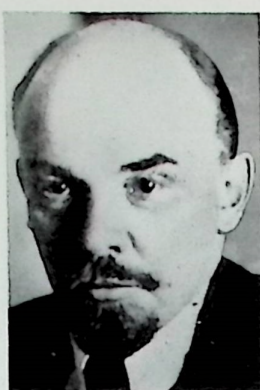
KARL MARX

In capitalist society bare time is acquired for one class by converting the whole life-time of the masses into labor time."



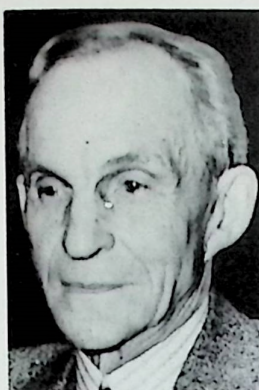
JOSEPH STALIN

"The advantage of our system is that we know no crisis of over-production, for we are conducting planned economy."



NIKOLAI LENIN

"Surplus capital will never be used for the purpose of raising the standard of living of the masses."



HENRY FORD

"Business is never so healthy as when, like a chicken, it must do a certain amount of scratching for what it gets from the people."



ALFRED P. SLOAN

"The opportunities for America are beyond the dreams of any man, if we continue the pattern begun so long ago."



PIERRE S. du PONT

"Only a company like Du Pont could have invested \$27,000,000 in nylon before one pound of it was produced commercially."

"THE real revolutionists in the age in which we live have not been Nikolai Lenin or Joseph Stalin...no, the real revolutionists of our day have been the Henry Fords, the Pierre du Ponts, the Alfred P. Sloans...and all the other industrial leaders who have changed our whole lives by the developments of the twentieth century."

The above is from a speech made by Harold Brayman at Morgantown, West Virginia, recently, before the West Virginia Industrial Development Conference. Mr. Brayman is Director of the Du Pont Company's Public Relations Department.

Lenin and Stalin, Mr. Brayman said, were reactionary throwbacks to the medi-

eval terrors of Genghis Kahn—disguised in a false face by Karl Marx to deceive people into believing that the way to progress is a return to the automatic state where no man is free.

The way to progress in this country, however, has brought about the highest standard of living in the history of civilization. The men responsible are those who provided the leadership, who welded together the many necessary skills into the successful mass production of automobiles and the many other developments of our time.

"And let me say parenthetically," Mr. Brayman added, "that however great may have been the personal rewards of a Henry Ford, who led in the

development of the automobile, they were infinitesimal compared to the awards that have come to all the millions who ride."

This is the way our standard of living has advanced, he said. We have, in this country, brought the benefits of that progress to every home. We have brought an economic advance to our people which is the envy of socialists the world over.

On these pages, the BLENDER contrasts three symbols of American progress with a trio portraying the gloomy existence of people in countries represented by Lenin, Stalin and their successors.

A study of these contrasts should easily convince us who the real revolutionists are and whose word we should take.



TECHNOLOGY "pattern begun so long ago" extends its benefits as predicted by former General Motors President Sloan. Not only refrigerators such as the new one of Agnes Handy, "D" Shift, Textile, T-9 above, but home freezers and air-conditioners are no longer "beyond our dreams" either.



SOVIET "planned economy" results in crisis of "over-production" for these farm women with their produce. Because of under-production of refrigeration facilities, their customers must, perforce, buy only what can be immediately consumed. Reports from Russia say refrigerators are finally on the market.



"HEALTHY SCRATCHING" and mass-production methods not only have created spare time for all Americans but have made possible the mass ownership of millions of fine automobiles like the new Mercury owned by Noel Johnson, "D" Shift, P. & S., and wife, Goldie, a former employee in our Textile T-8 Area.



SPARE TIME pursuits of the masses under "communist society" are limited and do not include pleasure-driving. Reportedly, only one out of every 3,000 families own an automobile in Russia; while here in America there are more cars than there are families, and production increases by millions yearly.

DAWN TO DUSK stretches the labors of this peasant woman in Russia (below) where women have no status and where heavy work is their accepted lot. With production constantly being measured by what the State requires, the needs and desires of the average family are never considered. Nylons, of which the average American woman owns six pairs, would cost the Russian woman the equivalent of \$12 to \$15 per pair in U. S. currency. Hose are probably of small concern to her since she does not even wear shoes. Her standard of living has been that of Russians for more than 1,000 years and no change in sight.



BENEFITING most from the combined efforts of big and little businesses which employ more than 128,000 people in hundreds of firms producing nylon hosiery, is the American woman, typified by Alta Hendrick, "D" Shift, Textile, T-9, above. She can now buy hosiery superior to any she ever had before at a reasonable price, as well as other man-made fibers which represent over 20 percent of all textiles. Investments of surplus capital in research programs, such as the \$27 million Du Pont spent developing nylon, result in new jobs for thousands and a higher standard of living for all.

— THE END





LONZIE CARTER WITH WIFE, BETTY, AND CHILDREN, BENNY AND BRENDA.

PLASTER, DYCHES, CRAIGHEAD WIN IN AREA SAFETY CONTEST

*"Safe thinking PLUS safe acting
MINUS wrong attitude
DIVIDED by mutual responsibility
EQUALS a safe plant."*

*"Protect yourself
Protect your pal
In safety that means
High Morale."*

*"S afety is life's extender
A ids recipient also sender,
F actors (safety) every day
E ffects—'take home pay',
T he job's to lick—accidents
Y our answer's SAFETY—IT PREVENTS!"*

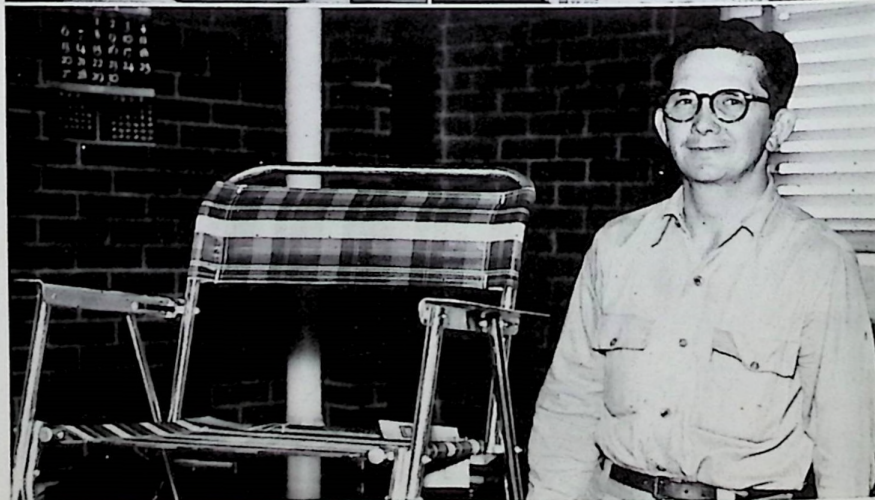
The entries above are the first three winners in a recent Maintenance Area Safety Contest. The first prize of a lawn chair went to James Plaster of the Pipe Shop. Second prize—garden hose—was captured by Hampton Dyches, Paint Shop, and Bill Craighead, Millwright Shop, received the third award—a Scotch Cooler.

The contest to write a jingle, verse or statement in 25 words or less on the subject "The Employee's Responsibility in Safety," drew more than 400 entries.

There were so many masterpieces that the judges found it difficult to select a winner.

The three men pictured on the right won the prizes, but every contestant received the satisfaction of expressing himself on a subject vital to all of us—**OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN SAFETY.**

The BLENDER congratulates each of the winners.



WANT TO BORROW SOME MONEY? SEE YOUR CREDIT UNION NOW

DO you need money for new furniture, a car, a television or to pay off old debts?

If you do, take the advice of Lonzie Carter, "D" Shift, P. & S., and his wife, Betty. Lonzie felt that his Credit Union was the place to go when he needed to refurnish his living room in his home in English Village. "You just can't beat an employee's credit union for either savings or loans," he says, "and especially do I like the insurance coverage feature."

The Martinsville Du Pont Employee's Credit Union, since its organization in March, 1953, has now grown to a membership of 879 as of July 1, 1955. Assets of the corporation are approximately \$84,900. 292 members have received financial aid to the tune of \$74,000.

As for insurance on loans, your Credit Union has Loan-Protection Insurance insuring the life of each eligible borrower in the amount of his loan balance up to \$10,000.00.

If the Credit Union can be of assistance to you in your savings plans or for loans, see the Credit Union Office Manager, Otis Robertson, in Room 108 of the Office Building. Hours are 8 A. M. to 10 A. M. and from 2 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.

The chances are that he will be able to help you.

IFUNK GOES TO WILMINGTON, REPLACED BY DANIEL; SIX COME FROM WAYNESBORO

The organization changes listed on this page were all announced during August. Many other intra-plant changes were announced but we have not pictured them since it is our policy to feature only promotions and inter-plant transfers. To those joining us we extend a welcoming hand. To those leaving us we wish all possible success.

JOHN DANIEL, comes to us from Spruonce where he has been Assistant Service Superintendent since 1952. Prior company experience since 1935 was gained at Old Hickory, Richmond, Explosives Department and Electrochemicals Department. He has a B.A. Degree from Vanderbilt. **HOYLE S. BRUTON** Training Assistant since 1952 was transferred to Wilmington September 1. Prior to entering Training, he was Student Operator in P. & S. for four months. **T. E. JONES** was promoted from Plant Guard Sergeant, effective September 1.

DAVID WOOLWINE transferred from Waynesboro as Foreman Trainee, Manufacturing. He is single and received a B.S. in Chemistry from V. M. I. in June, 1955. **JACK CRUMMETT** transferred from Waynesboro as Foreman, Manufacturing. Jack has 4½ years' service, is married and has two children. He is a graduate of Dunsmore Business College in Staunton. **KENNETH GARRETT** transferred from Waynesboro as Foreman, Manufacturing. Ken has 11½ years service, is married and has two children. All transfers effective 8/16.

JOSEPH BALDWIN transferred from Waynesboro as Foreman Trainee, Manufacturing. Joe has five years' company service, is single and received a B.S. in Business from the University of Delaware in 1950. **JAMES DICKERSON** transferred from Waynesboro as Foreman, Manufacturing. Jim has three years' service, is married and has two children. He received a B.A. in Psychology from David-Lipscomb College in 1952. **WILLIAM CREHORE** transferred from Waynesboro as Foreman, Manufacturing. Bill has five years' service, is married and has four children. He received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University in 1950. These three transfers were also effective August 16.

HARRY FUNK, JR., Personnel Superintendent since July, was transferred September 1 to Wilmington as Assistant to the Manufacturing Personnel Manager in the Textile Fibers Department. Harry, a former resident of Martinsville from 1947 to 1950, came here in July from Seaford. Prior to 1947, he had worked in Richmond at the Spruance Plant and Old Hickory.



HARRY L. FUNK, JR.



JOHN B. DANIEL



HOYLE S. BRUTON



T. E. JONES



DAVID WOOLWINE



JACK CRUMMETT



KENNETH GARRETT



JOSEPH BALDWIN



JAMES DICKERSON



WILLIAM CREHORE

ADOPTED SUGGESTIONS—SECOND QUARTER, 1955

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J. P. Chappell
O. S. Pulliam (2)
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M. W. Martin
F. C. Divers
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J. H. Carter
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TEXTILE, T-9
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DU PONTERS GOT 3846 YEARS-200,000 WEEKS VACATION THIS YEAR

DU PONT employees, like the Martinsville Plant people on this page, enjoyed or will enjoy an estimated 200,000 weeks or 3,846 years of vacation this year. Of the company's estimated 85,000 vacationists, about 16,000 with 15-24 years of service received three weeks; 8,400 with 25 or more years of service received four weeks. Cost of the Vacation Plan for 1955 is estimated at \$21.5 million.

Niagara Falls:

BERNARD and Macie West, "B" Shift, P. & S. and Textile, visited Niagara Falls on their vacation and honeymoon in the early summer.



Canada:

(ABOVE) Bill Russell, Power, with a fine string of bass caught in the Red River near Selkirk, Manitoba while on vacation with his family. His smallest fish measured 18½ inches and the largest 26½ inches. He claims he lost four Big Ones. (Right) Sam and Ruth Nelson, Maintenance and Service, with their son Robert, toured New England States and Canada in June. Pictures here were made in Canada.



Colorado Springs:

BETTY DALTON, "B" Textile T-9, riding a "bucking bronco" at Colorado Springs, Colo.



Louisiana:

RAYMOND WILSON, "C" Textile, T-9, vacationed in Louisiana and Texas with family.

Cuba:

HERMAN and Dora Rumley, Power and "B" Textile, T-9 visited Cuba with Dora's sister.



115 YEARS' SERVICE



WILLIAM CRAIGHEAD
Maintenance

10



YEARS



(LEFT TO RIGHT FROM TOP)

SUE PEIRCE
Service

ARTHUR KALLAM
Project
RUTH HENSLEY
Service
JAMES MERRIMAN
Maintenance

JESSIE DURHAM
Methods & Planning
HARRY GILBERT
Maintenance
JACK HILL
Service

5-YEAR SERVICE PINS

SALLY MANNING.....	Textile T-8	CLARENCE A. HANDY.....	Textile T-9
MARY JACKSON.....	Textile T-9	EVERETT BOWLES.....	Maintenance
BERNICE MOORE.....	P. & S. T-9	ARTHUR MARTIN.....	Power
GARLAND WOOD.....	P. & S. T-8	DANIEL JONES.....	Maintenance
OTHA YOUNG.....	P. & S. T-9	WILLIAM MALLONEE.....	Process Control
BILLY HANES.....	P. & S. T-9	BEVERLY ESTES.....	Production Control
MYRTLE MILES.....	Textile T-8	BARBARA BOCKOCK.....	Records
DORIS ELLIS.....	Textile T-9	HENRY PALMER.....	P. & S. T-9
DOROTHY ELLIS.....	Textile T-9	THOMAS SETZER.....	P. & S. T-9
BETTY ALDRIDGE.....	Textile T-8	SADIE COLLINS.....	Textile
LUCILLE GRAVELY.....	Textile T-8	JAMES HEFFINGER.....	P. & S. T-8
REVA HAYNES.....	Textile T-8	J. W. SHELTON, Jr.....	Maintenance
BERTHA HARMAN.....	Inspection	JOSEPH RAMSEY.....	P. & S. T-8
JAMES WARREN.....	Maintenance	ALVIN ADKINS.....	Project

TWO EXPERTS ON MEASUREMENT



He "measured one yard"



"He measures a process"

THE gentlemen above, though born 800 years apart, are both experts on measurement.

King Henry I of England, left, is remembered for his pronouncement that "one yard equals the distance between the royal nose and the thumb of the outstretched royal arm."

The expert, right, is Electronic Electrician, John White. Though John's approach is modern, he has the greatest respect for King Henry's early attempt to develop the science of measurement.

Naturally, John says, man's first units of measurement were provided by the human body! the length of a man's foot or stride, the thickness of his finger, the span of his extended arms.

But, though Boy Scouts still pace off a field and a horse is said to be "15 hands high," the human body has long since

shed the role of yardstick. Martinsville people, for example, utilize the kind of electronic instrument John is observing (oscilloscope which is used in measuring voltage). Such instruments outmode "rules of thumb"; they do jobs that man cannot handle, enabling our people to operate a process that might have been deemed impossible a few years ago.

While John confesses with a grin that new instruments and controls may amaze the non-technician, he says that they are actually just the current phase of a 150-year trend: the invention of even-better tools enabling man to wrest from nature more and more of the good things of life.

Whether you call it instrumentation, mechanization or automation, John says the results are the same: new products and processes, more jobs, lower prices and broadened markets for our products.

MEMBERS OF THE Du Pont Team of the local Industrial Softball League were recently feted at a banquet at Lynwood Club. The Team won the League Championship but lost out to the Fieldcrest Team in the semi-finals. (1st row L. to R.) "Snooks" Joyce, Doug Gerringer, Russ Kimbro, Dick Minter, Johnny Johnson. (Top) George Nester, Warren Robertson, Sam Belcher, Curtis Stanley, Ray Bocock, Caleb Atkins. Absent: Russell Belcher and Marshall Riggs



NEWS

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THREE Du Pont wives who are members of the English Village Home Demonstration Club. (L. to R.) Mrs. George Webster, Mrs. Elmo Compton, Mrs. Jim Wagener. Club won first prize at local fair with this display. The BLENDER congratulates the entire Club on this apt and timely display.



TOM RAKES, Shipping, is the proud operator on the new forklift truck above. He had operated one of older trucks for several years.



ROBERT HILL, P. & S. (top left) and Warren Everson, Maintenance (bottom left) taught Junior Life Saving and Beginners' Swimming during the summer for the Red Cross. Many were Du Ponters.



MEMBERS of the Physical Test Laboratory Day Crew are now 100% owners of safety shoes. (Bottom Row, L. to R.) Annette Varner, Excie Morris, Maggie Martin, Fleda Martin. (Top) Neal Murphy, Foreman; Sue Hatcher, Marie Hazelwood, Katherine Joyce, Roberta Riggs and Dorothy Robbins. Congratulations, girls.

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .

RINGS

Helen Cox, Personnel, to Wesley Eggleston, Martinsville, Va.
 Marie Foley, Inspection, to Guy DeShazo, Spencer, Va.
 Cora Lee Dodson, Textile, to Ellis L. Stone, Bassett, Va.
 Frances B. Via, Textile, to James Patterson, Snow Creek, Va.
 Joanne Watkins, I. & S., to Charles Case, Mayodan, N. C.



Mae Guthrie, Inspection, and Melvin Parcell, Martinsville, Va.
 Laura Hedrick, Accounting, and Ray Turner, Gretna, Va.
 Annie Land, Inspection, and C. C. Foster, Bassett, Va.
 Hettie Cooper, Textile, and Paul Radford, Ferrum, Va.
 Martha Bryant, Textile, and Claude Tyree, Rocky Mount, Va.
 Barbara Wilson, Textile, and Homer Walden, Chicago, Ill.
 Freda Stegall, Textile, and Lynwood Sawers, Textile.
 Martha Burnett, Textile, and Jesse West, Spinning.
 Virginia Stowe, Textile, and Wayland Watkins, Price, N. C.
 Elizabeth McBride, Textile, and Raymond Maxey, Huddleston, Va.
 Wera Dillon, Textile, and Hampton Sigmon, Callaway, Va.
 Josephine Durham, Denier Room, and Oden Lee Duncan, P. & S.
 Marion Muscatello, Inspection, and Alfred Barksdale, Ridgeway, Va.
 Betty Carter, Textile, and Ralph Byrd, Bassett, Va.



Daniel E. Gardner, Project, a son, Keith E., August 25.
 Ira C. McCrickard, Denier Room, a son, Barry Wayne, August 11.
 Ruth and Thomas Gibbs, Denier Room, and Painters, a son, Gary Thomas, August 12.
 Evelyn France, Tabulating, a daughter, Carol Lee, August 20.
 Sanford Roberts, Tabulating, a daughter, Cynthia Anne, August 29.
 "Mickey" Vestal, Tabulating, a son, Robert M., Jr., September 6.

Vernelle Perdue, I. & S., a daughter, Brenda Carlene, July 22.
 Jesse L. Cox, P. & S., a son, Jesse L., Jr., August 27.
 John Haley, P. & S., a son, David Preston, July 23.
 Gertrude and Herbert Jones, Textile and Power, a daughter, Deborah Kay, August 21.
 Lottie Harmon, Textile, a son, Melvin Ray, August 13.
 George F. Kellam, Elect. Heating, a daughter, Margaret Gail, August 3.
 Kathryn and Dillard Shropshire, Accounting and P. & S., a daughter, August 10.
 James Hensley, Textile Maint., a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, August 16.
 Howard Wilcox, Process, a daughter, Margaret Christie, August 13.
 Luther Hazelwood, Textile, a son, Gary Luther, July 9.
 Edmond Stone, Textile, a daughter, Jennifer Sue, July 22.
 Edna Rakes, Textile, a daughter, Wanda Gail, July 31.
 Eldon Shough, Bobbin Area, a daughter, Rita Dianne, August 15.

Sympathy

The plant personnel extends deepest sympathy to:
 Roland Phillips in the death of his sister.
 Johnny Bondurant in the death of his aunt.
 J. E. Merriman in the death of his brother.
 Phebe Woods in the death of her father.
 Jackie Lavinder in the death of her grandfather.
 Jessie Mason in the death of his father.
 G. L. Shields in the death of his uncle.
 Bill Clifton in the death of his brother-in-law.
 Shockley Mason in the death of his father.
 Betty Mason in the death of her father-in-law.
 Lucille Merriman in the death of her brother-in-law.
 Roy Cox in the death of his sister.
 James Gauldin in the death of his step-mother.
 Betty Jo Joyce in the death of her uncle.
 John Moran in the death of his sister.
 Willa Robertson in the death of her aunt.
 Tom Chapman in the death of his father.
 Bob Wood in the death of his father-in-law.
 Carlton Jacobs in the death of his grandmother.
 Gaynelle Shupe in the death of her sister.
 Mildred Anderson in the death of her sister.



MRS. EMMA THOMPSON, 96, mother of Sidney Thompson, Maintenance, pictured at a recent birthday party and reunion attended by 9 of her 11 children. She has seven grandchildren at our plant: Charlie Bill Thompson, Hoover Martin, Tom Rakes, Haywood Thompson, Maynard Thompson, Nola Nichols and Lola Martin. 121 were present on the occasion.



We extend a cordial welcome to the following new employees:

Jerry E. Clark, Robert D. Manning, Harry R. Crosby, William Donald Martin, Iva W. Barbour, Una M. Hodges, Ozella L. Wilmoth, Stella A. Powell, Betty L. Foster, Judie C. Brown, Shirley A. Barbour, Peggy C. Brown, Hilda R. Barker, Mary W. Turner, Alpha P. Cockram, Mary I. McPeak, Juanita Sutphin, Margaret C. Parlier, Dorothy H. Ferguson, Mildred A. Scott, Harold G. Gains.



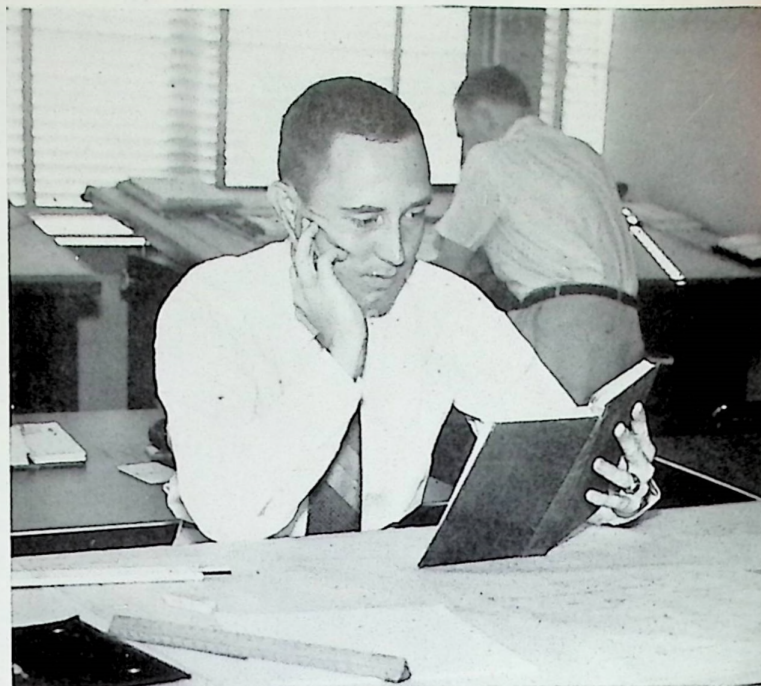
WE welcome the return of Glen Via from military service. After receiving his basic training at Parks A. F. B., he served one year in Korea with the 808th Air Police and 17 months with the 801st in the U. S. He was A/IC.

ARTHUR HUNDLEY, Maintenance, holding a 7½ lb., 25¼ inch muskmelon grown by Mrs. Hundley in the home garden. Arthur states that she does family gardening and is tops.



WANTED:

More Students In Search Of A Career!



GENE YOUNG — V. P. I.
Nephew of Caudis and Gladys Young, Janie and Frances Cooper

YOU spend many hours planning your children's future, looking for ways to save them headaches in the days ahead and give them some good measure of security.

Today there is a rich, new kind of opportunity for young America!

The opportunity lies in engineering and science, where there is a tremendous need for trained young people. It is open to any young man or woman who is willing to work hard and to study high school courses like mathematics and physical sciences in preparation for college engineering.

Here is what the engineering profession offers.

INTERESTING, USEFUL WORK: There are hundreds of different engineering positions open, from bridge design to nuclear research, from product planning to salesmanship.

IT IS RICH IN OPPORTUNITY: Today's engineering graduates find starting salaries higher than average. As for opportunity, 50% of the country's industrial leaders started their careers as engineers.

IT OFFERS A GOOD MEASURE OF SECURITY: The big need for trained men and women engineers will continue for years to come as industry of every nature expands all over the U. S.



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING — THROUGH CHEMISTRY

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THE COVER

CLAUDE CLIFTON, P. & S. Days,
is typical of the hundreds of Du Pont
nimrods who are taking to the fields
and woods now that the hunting
season is on us again. Claude was
photographed with one of his faithful
dogs in a field near his county home.

FIRST CAPITALIST BEGAN MAN'S PROGRESS



The first capitalist lived about one million years ago. Primitive though he was, he had an inkling of the greatest economic truth there is. Which is that in order to have more and better things tomorrow, we must use some of today's time, energy and materials for the means of producing them. We must save.

Our prehistoric man, who began the tremendous creative process of capital investment, first had to resist the temptation to devour immediately all the meat he had killed. This meat—his savings—he hung to sun-dry by the mouth of his cave. So, he was able to take time out from his regular business of hunting food. He invested this time in an idea—a crude spear tipped with reindeer horn.

With his spear, the Stone Age capitalist far outdid his fellows in killing game. As a food-producing implement, the spear was capital equipment just as truly as a nylon plant is capital equipment. In 1955 the pattern is the same. We save, and invest our savings in factories, tools and processes that create jobs and goods for our tomorrows.

Some people today say capital growth will take care of itself, automatically. They claim that "purchasing power" and consumption of goods are the only important makings of prosperity. It is not too farfetched to liken members of this school of thought to the cave men who neglected to make spears for themselves.

ASK YOURSELF, "AM I HAPPY?"

"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Abraham Lincoln said that. In fact he said a lot of things that make sense. And this is a quotation that everybody can understand. We all understand things said simply and to the point.

Today, we live in an environment of complexities. People generally seem confused. They are in a hurry to get somewhere but too many don't know where they're going. And, in the process of hurry and confusion, people aren't taking time to "make up their minds."

If we want to be happy, we must first make up our minds to be happy.

Have you lately looked in a mirror and asked yourself the simple question, "Am I happy?" If the voice answering back says "no," you must then ask, "why not?" Now, you're getting somewhere. To find out why not, you must sit down and start talking to yourself. It has been said that "talking to oneself" is a sign of insanity. Nothing could be further from the truth—how else, my friend, can we come to understand ourselves without sitting down and talking things over with ourselves?

If we are relying on the opinions or judgments of others as to "what's wrong with us," we'll never find the true answer. To understand oneself is the only approach to true happiness.

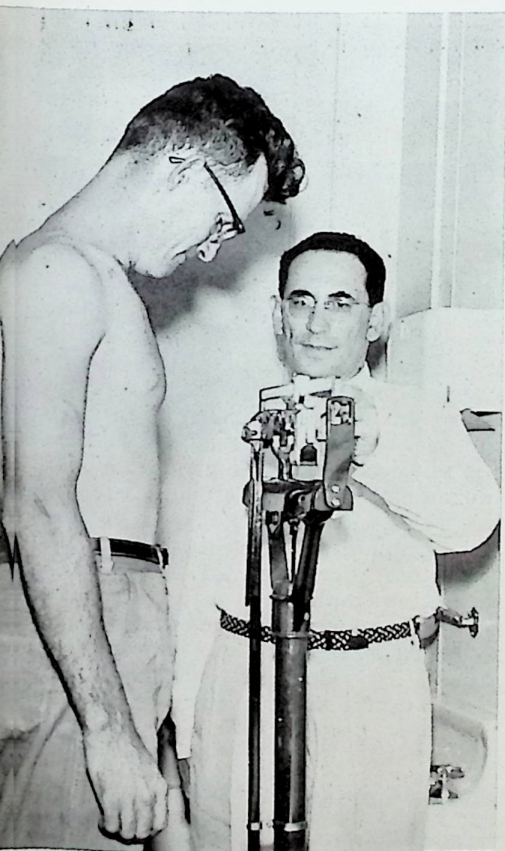
If you desire happiness, you must yourself seek it. You must make up your mind.

As Abe says: "Folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."



A PART OF EVERY PHYSICAL EXAM IS CHECK OF SIGHT AND HEARING. LOUISE COMPTON GIVES RICHARD JAMISON AUDIOMETER TEST.

MORE THAN 18,000 PHYSICAL EXAMS GIVEN PLANT EMPLOYEES SINCE 1945



THE Martinsville Plant employees have had more than 18,000 physical examinations since August 1, 1945. Every year, each employee has an appointment with the medical section for a complete check on his physical condition, including examination of his ears, nose, throat, teeth, chest, heart and other parts of his body. If any illness or disease is detected, he knows it has developed within one year and can be treated while it is new. Otherwise, he is notified that he is sound in wind and limb, and he can return to his area for another year's work with the pleasant assurance that he is healthy.

One employee who visited the Medical Section for his examination recently was Richard Jamison, a Pirn Prep Operator with a service date of May 1952. For the sake of curiosity the BLENDER Staff checked with the clerk in Medical and discovered his physical was No. 18,271 given employees since August 1, 1945 (records from construction days

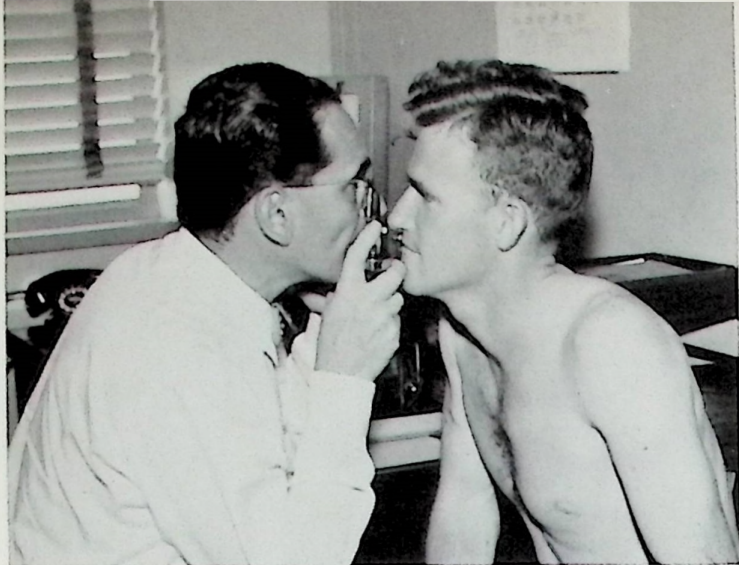
A CHECK is kept on the weight of employees since obesity—caused by over-eating—can lead to varied health problems. (Left) Dr. Rolf Baginsky finds Richard "just right" for his height.

in 1940 to 1945 were not available). A part of Richard's examination and other duties performed by the Medical Group are pictured on this and the next three pages.

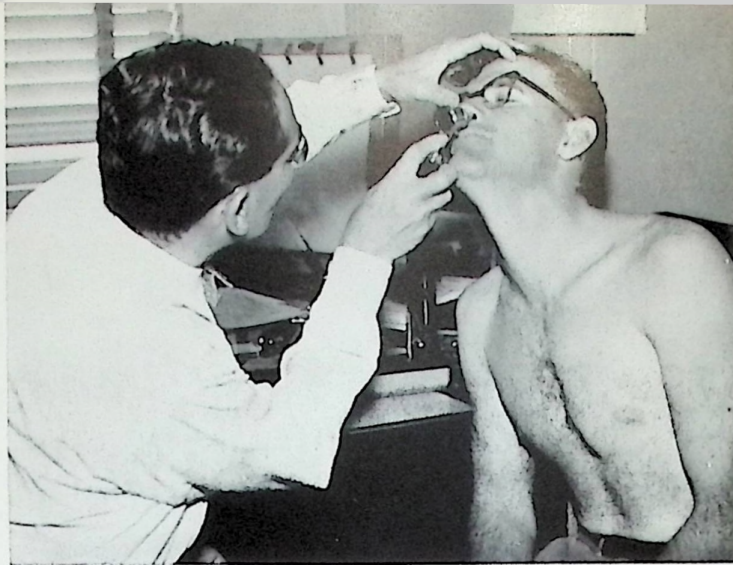
The present Medical Section is a spacious area filling a good portion of the Office Building's first floor. It is manned by a staff of three physicians, five registered nurses, a medical laboratory technician, one clerk and one stenographer. Their up-to-date equipment includes ultra-violet lamps, diathermy and other therapeutic equipment, X-ray machine, an electro-cardiographic machine, audiometer, etc.

Du Pont, a pioneer in industrial medicine, introduced its formalized medical program for employees in 1925. It now employs 115 full-time and 28 part-time doctors, 340 registered nurses and technicians. They, like our local people, practice preventive medicine. The purpose is to nip any possible employee ailment before it gets a head start. The Company program also includes funds for medical research and long-range study of United States health problems.

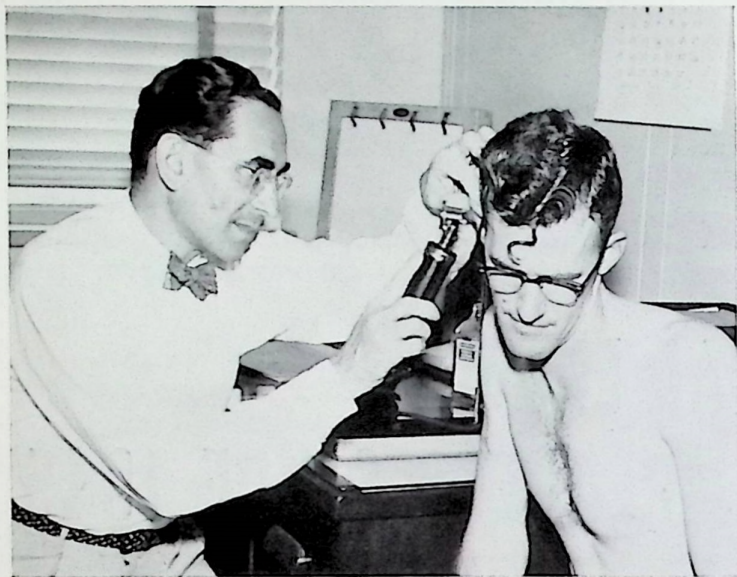
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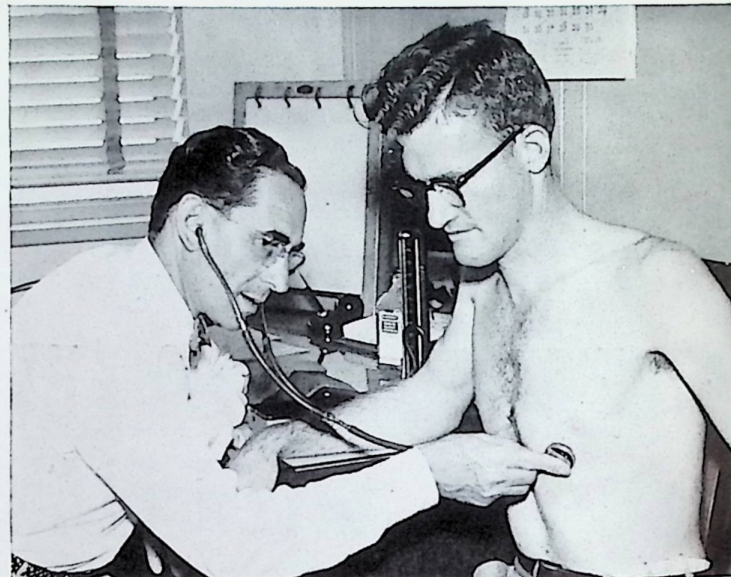
THOROUGH eye ground examinations can tell a doctor many things about his patient. All Du Pont employees receive this annual check.



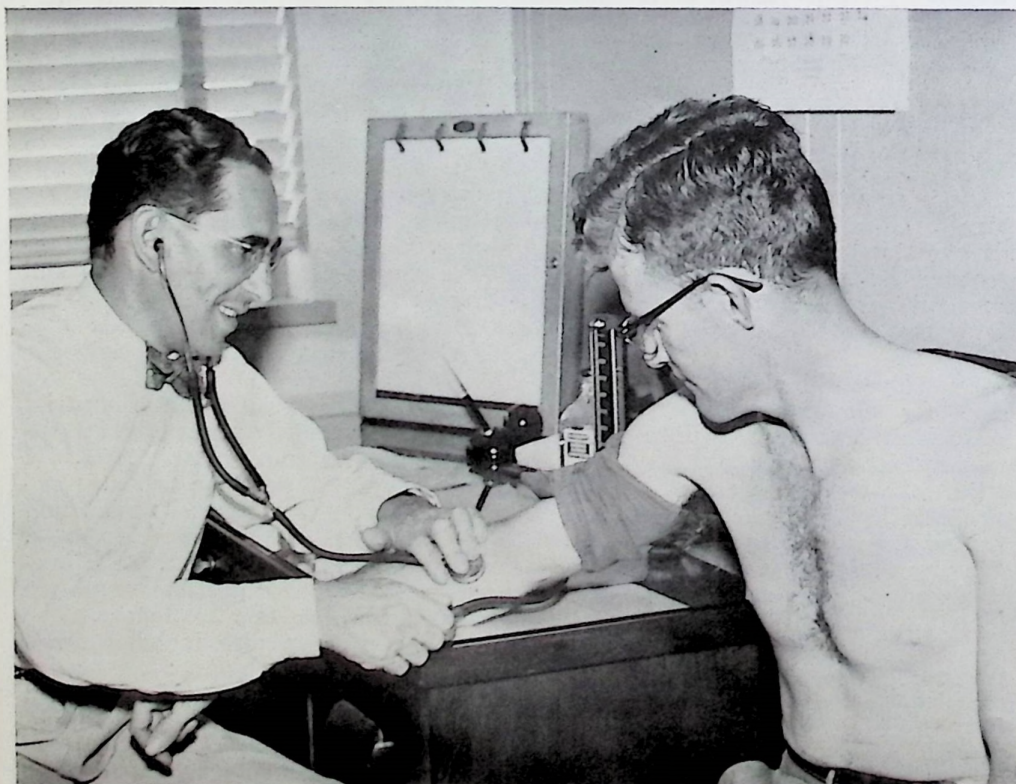
IF any obstructions to the nasal passages are discovered, the employee is advised to see his personal doctor to have it corrected immediately.



ANOTHER thorough check made during the annual physical examination is that of the eardrums to determine if they have been damaged.



THE stethoscope gives the doctor clues to the condition of the heart and lungs and thus is most important in the physical examination.



10,509 PRE-EMPLOYMENT EXAMINATIONS GIVEN BY MEDICAL SINCE 8-1-1945

MEDICAL'S job is to assist every employee in protecting his most valuable possession—health. This assistance begins prior to employment with a thorough medical examination of the prospective employee. This is done to determine if he is physically fit for his intended job. An examination of the Medical's records reveals that a total of 10,509 pre-employment examinations have been given by our doctors since August 1, 1945. If the prospective employee is hired, a medical history record is maintained on him until the day he leaves the Company for some reason. Any Company pensioner may have an examination at his own request.

A REGULAR check of the blood pressure is also taken to give the doctor clues as to health. If any irregularity is found the employee is advised to see a doctor for diagnosis, treatment.

THE DOCTOR'S ADVICE FOR GOOD HEALTH

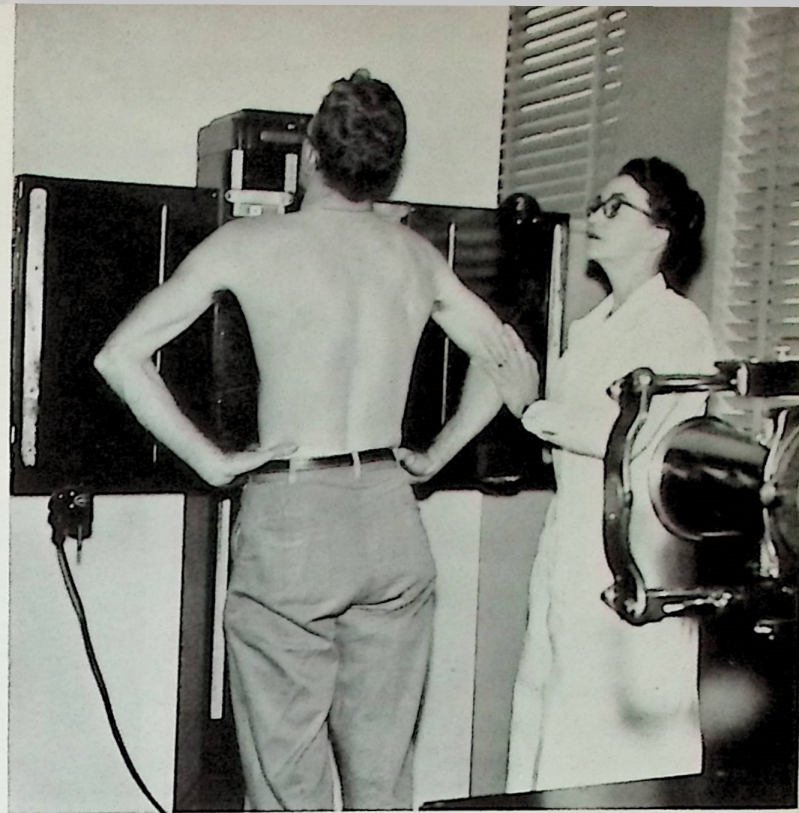
Dr. T. H. Dickerson, Medical Supervisor, believes a few simple rules provide the basis upon which to maintain good health:

1. **Eat a Balanced Diet**—daily. Three meals a day, beginning with an adequate breakfast, should include all the seven essentials to good dietary balance (milk, egg, butter, bread or cereal, vegetables, fruit and meat or fish). Besides supplying the energy needed for all the activities of the body, food also furnishes many of the protective substances needed by the body in maintaining its resistance to diseases.

2. **Exercise and Work**—To maintain vigor and tone in our bodies the muscles require some vigorous use each day. Physical exercise is stimulating to all the systems of the body if not pursued to excess. Work supplies mental activity for the brain and nervous system and leaves a sense of accomplishment.

3. **Rest and Relaxation**—Everyone requires a certain amount of rest (usually seven to eight hours sleep) and relaxation. Each one finds relaxation in his own way and would find it beneficial to relax daily.

4. **Faith**—A healthy individual maintains a daily relationship with God which places him in a sound perspective with the Creator, the world and all its creatures and people. Through his faith each one draws spiritual strength and guidance for all his activities.



X-RAYS are a scheduled part of all annuals. The modern machine above operated by Medical Technician Nancy White, cost several thousand dollars. Nancy also does all the examination blood counts and urinalyses.

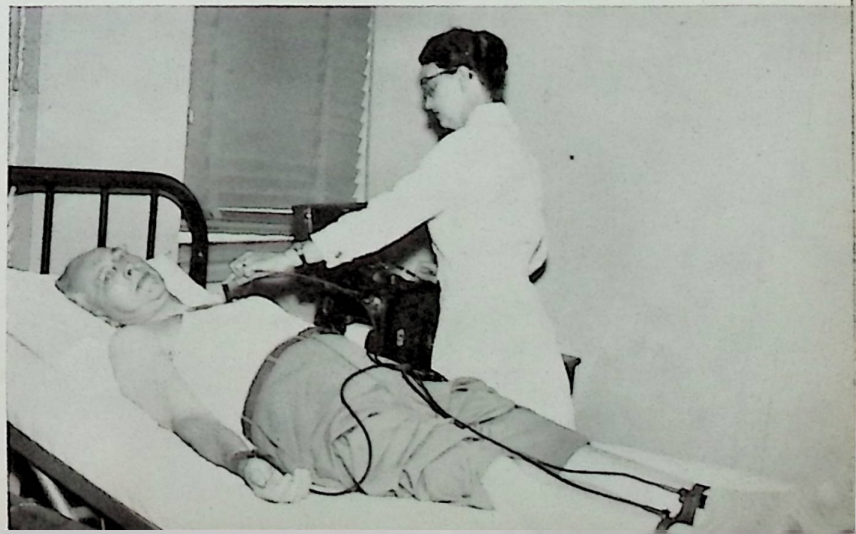
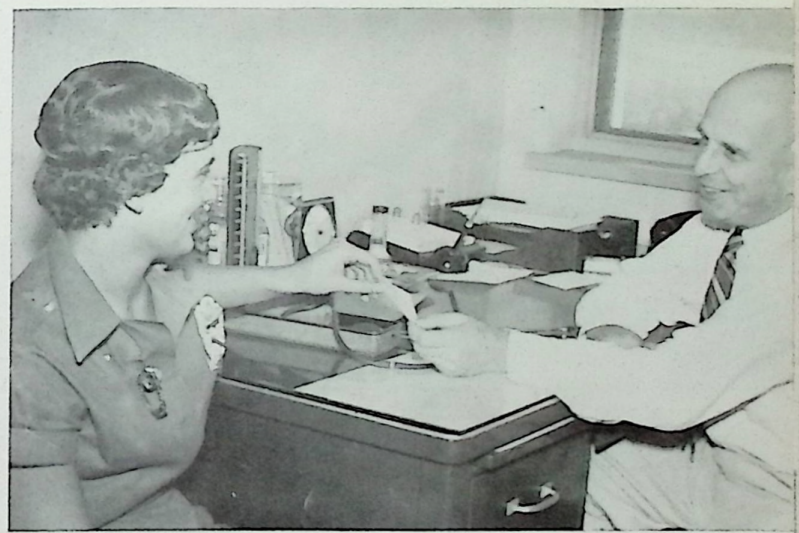
OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE MEDICAL SECTION



(ABOVE) Visiting Nurse, Elizabeth Layman, calls on employees confined by illness. She helps them keep in touch with their respective areas and the Medical Section. In 1954 the visiting nurse made 1,036 calls on employees and traveled 7,189 miles.

AT one time or another, we all feel the need for medical opinion and advice—for ourselves or loved ones. Plant doctors are always available for such consultations. Above (right) Dr. M. B. Hesdorffer talks with and prescribes for Lucy Cooper, Inspection.

ONE E. K. G. (electrocardiogram reading) is given each employee after he has reached 40 and at the doctor's request thereafter. (Right) Nancy White gets reading on Ralph Scott, Employment.

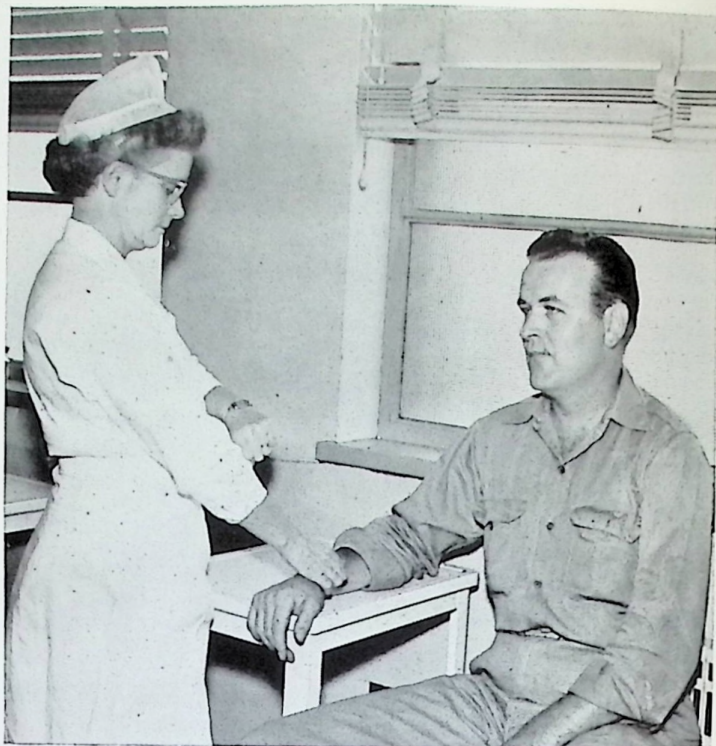


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THE Medical Section treats all kinds of minor ailments. In 1954 there were over 35,000 visits for this type of treatment and first aid. Above, Registered Nurse, Frances Richardson, gives cold tablets to Rose Via, Textile.

OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE MEDICAL SECTION (Con't)



REGISTERED NURSE. Lillian Martin, is pictured above, checking pulse and temperature of Roy Harris prior to treating him for a bothersome head cold—our most common employee complaint each year.



OLD back injuries, strained muscles and a plain old "crick in the neck" bring many for diathermy treatment. In Medical employees can get speedy service for these. Above, Mary Sheppard, R.N., attends Edward Thompson.



SORE throats are the cause of many visits to our Medical. Registered Nurse, Hazel Adkins, takes a look into throat of Hattie Fulcher, "B" Shift Textile. A nurse is on duty for each of the shifts.



Dr. T. H. Dickerson has been the Plant's Medical Supervisor since operations began. He is shown (far left) dictating a letter to Patsy Wingfield, the section's stenographer. (Left) Nancy Draper is Receptionist, does the filing and handles the scheduling of all examinations.

A MAN WITH 474 HANDS

HAVE you ever wondered what we would do if we didn't have our machines?

When Buford Minter (right), carpenter shop, touches a tiny button on his hand saw, unseen hands go to work.

Invisible muscles heave, and under Buford's guiding hand, a board is ripped in a few seconds by the saw's blade.

Compared to his great-grandfather, an individual employee like Buford is a veritable giant, working only about half as long to produce five times as much at five times the pay. The secret of his strength is the vast quantity of mechanical energy provided by machines.

Today, the mechanical energy at the disposal of the average U. S. industrial employee is equivalent to having 236 men helping him to do his job. He is a man with 474 hands.

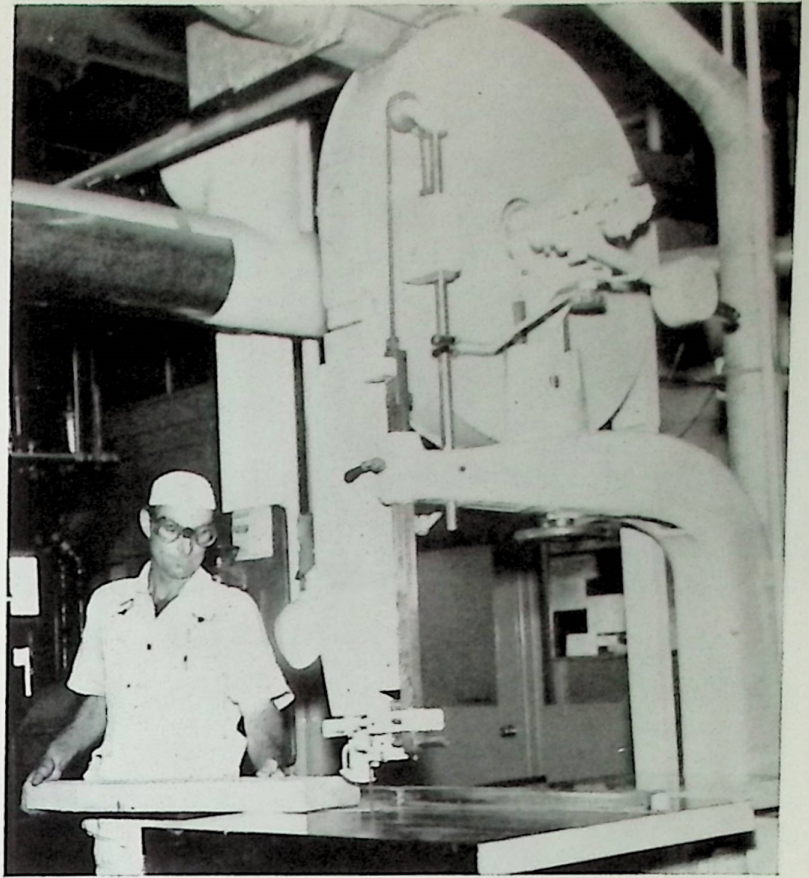
What this extra productive power has meant to people is evident if you take a look at our parking lot, or at our homes, food, schools and leisure-time activities.

Life today provides sharp contrasts to the time when man depended solely upon his own muscles for power. Ancient civilizations—Egypt, Athens—were built by straining human slaves. As late as the time of Rome, slaves outnumbered free men three to one.

The reason was simply that the prime sources of energy were human beings and animals. Man had few tools which utilized mechanical energy.

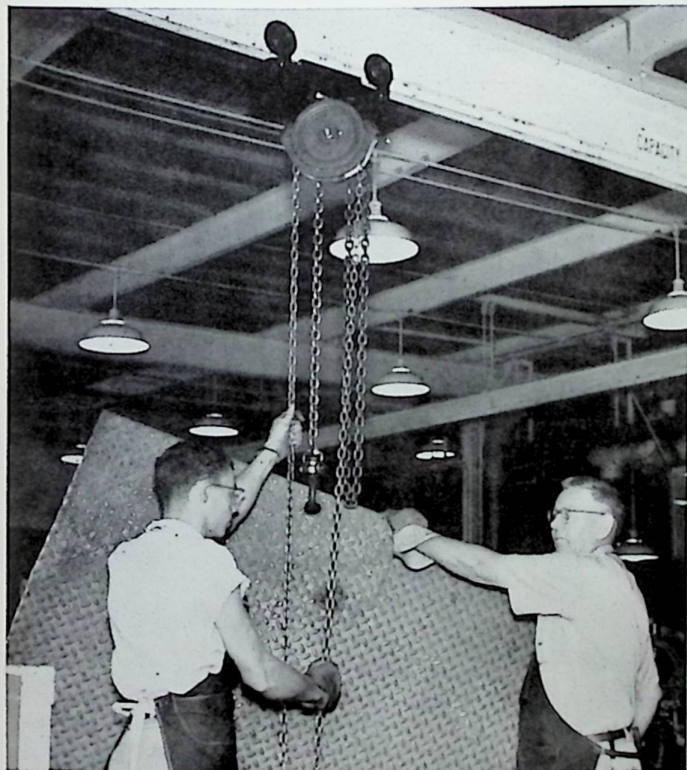
In the last century, as man put more and more machines to work, mechanical hands lifted the burden from human beings.

Today, Sir Galahad, the purehearted knight who had the "strength of ten" would ride quietly away if he were to view the strength of all the Martinsville men pictured here.



BUFORD MINTER, Carpenter, watches closely as he operates a high-speed bandsaw. The saw motor has five horsepower which is equal to the energy of fifty men. The saw's blade will travel at the rate of 3,600 feet a minute and will cut through a plank twelve inches thick. Similar examples of this kind of machine power may be found in all areas of the Martinsville plant.

TWO WITH 948 HANDS . . .



ALLEN HALL and Ernie Alcorn, Machine Shop, use a one-ton chain hoist to move a 700-pound catwalk checker plate. If the plate weighed a ton, no more effort would be required of them, but the hoist would be doing the work of 20 men. Electric lift trucks, used chiefly in Shipping, have a capacity of 2,200 lbs.

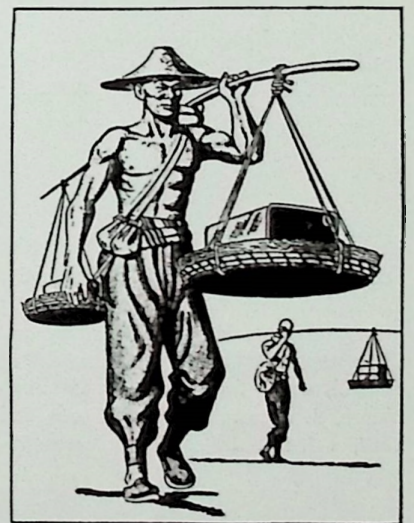
Compare All Three With the Coolie Below

The story of machines—and their impact upon human life—is contained in the contrast of this drawing of a coolie with the two pictures of Martinsville Plant employees left and above.

The wretched fate of an Oriental laborer is well-known; he is limited in what he can produce to what he can lift with his arms, carry on his shoulder or dig with a hoe. He is a man without machines. Because one man's muscles can produce very little, he is a man who has very little. His living is a bare subsistence.

By contrast, in western nations like the United States, where machines such as Allen and Ernie's chain hoist and Buford's bandsaw, perform 95 percent of all hard labor, living standards have climbed steadily. Between 1850-1950 national income of the United States increased about 26 times. During the same period, the amount of energy produced by machines and technology increased about 23 times.

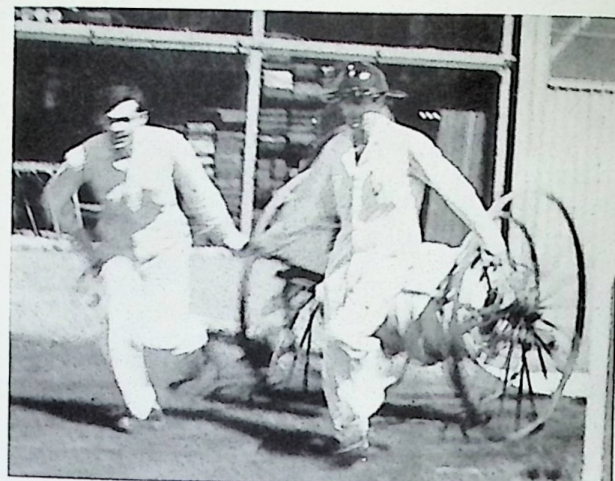
Machines enhance the American's ability to turn out work. He produces more—therefore, has more—because he is a machine man.





"A" Shift

(Front Row, l. to r.) Roy Herndon, I. H. Eanes, Rus Kimbro, Carl Brown, Floyd Williams, Wesley Davis. (2d Row) James Wagoner, Jack Comer, Arthur Toler, Bob Davis, James Washburn. (Standing) Charlie Fox (Lieutenant), Hubert Ramsey, Ken Galloway, Ernest Hopkins, Johnnie Hall, Jim Proffitt, Robert Barbour, George Webster, K. R. Vernon, Connie Hull, Ray Jeffries. Absent: Howard Wilson.



A SALUTE TO OUR FIRE FIGHTERS

LEGEND has fixed the responsibility of the great Chicago fire of October 8, 1871 on Mrs. O'Leary's poor, ordinary, milk-producing and cud-chewing cow. We suspect though, and facts in the case seem to bear us out, that the "big blaze" was caused by some human's carelessness and not Bossy. Most fires are.

Here on our plant every precaution known has been taken to deal with a fire in case we should have one. Four brigades—one from each shift—and composed of approximately 20 men each, are continually being trained by our Fire Marshal in the most modern methods of



BRANTON MARTIN
FIRE MARSHAL

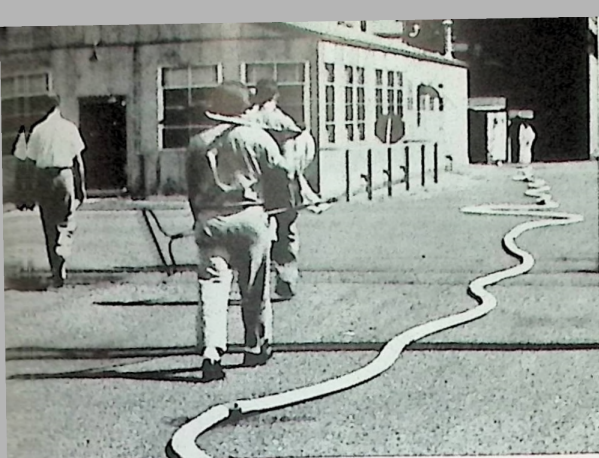
handling fire-fighting equipment, rescue work and artificial respiration. Men from P. & S., Maintenance, Power, Textile and Inspection and Shipping make up the personnel of the brigades. They practice one hour each month and in addition, answer test alarms each Friday at 10 A. M. and 6 P. M.

In the approximate fourteen years that our plant has been in operation, there has never been a serious fire. This excellent showing didn't "just happen"—it has resulted from a never-ending study of the causes of fires and how to prevent them.

"B" Shift

(Front row, l. to r.) Henry Rice, Fred Koger, Pete Weatherford, Lloyd Turner, J. C. Hatcher, Clark Jamison. (2nd row) Jack Kelly, Robert Pratt, Herbert Thorne, Sam Sawyers, Charlie Chapman, Joe Hundley. (Standing) Bill Moyer (Lieut.), Jerry Jackson, Tom Stanley, Thomas Moore, J. Mason, Bobby McFadin, Ralph Hubbard, Price Witt. All were present for pix.





"C" Shift

(KNEELING) Juel Quesinberry, Jim Moore, Everett Clark, Stewart Wells, Al Lawrence, Jack Dalton, George Dooley. (First row, standing) Hoyt Barrow (Lieut.), Ed Seay, Harry Beard, Vallie Hylton, Ben Phillips, Henry Smith, Jim Souther, Bill Lambeth (Lieut.). (Back row) F. L. Holland, Terry Eggleston, Ray Wilson, Granville Nester, Curtis Stanley. Group won first place in a recent fire contest.

"C" SHIFT WINNER IN CONTEST

A few barrels of waste oil laced with gasoline and solvents made a perfect target for our four brigades in a recent contest of extinguishing oil fires with water-fog 650 feet from the nearest hydrant. The scoring by judges was extremely close, but "C" Shift was declared winner. "A", "D" and "B" finished second, third and fourth respectively. Congratulations to you for a fine job.

"D" Shift

(FRONT ROW, L. TO R.) Robert Callahan, J. T. Motley, Robert Hill, Bennie Rakes, Harvey Alltice, Champ Clarke. (Back row) Jim Davis (Lieut.), Van Fulcher, Thomas DeShazo, Wray Smith, Herman Wilson, Doug Cooper, Marvin Panton, Lasky Talbert, Jessie Davis, Eugene Steone, Herman Hopkins, Bill Hubbard, Will Deent. Missing: John Leggan, C. C. Belcher.



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Marketplace

MARKETPLACE for stock is typified by the New York Stock Exchange, which provides a market for those who want to buy stock and those who want to sell. A corporation, for example, has a fixed number of shares of stock outstanding; a prospective buyer of, say, 25 shares must buy them from someone who owns that number of shares; similarly, a seller must find someone who wants to buy. Price of stock is determined by supply and demand—the lowest price at which an owner will sell and the highest price a buyer will pay for stock.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: What determines the price of Du Pont stock?

Answer: The price of Du Pont stock is determined by the lowest price at which an owner will sell and the highest price a buyer will pay. Du Pont stock is traded freely on the New York Stock Exchange and other security markets. Daily stock prices can be found on the financial pages of many newspapers.

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Question: Are common stock dividends determined by the stock's market price?

Answer: No, dividends are based primarily upon a company's earnings, while the price of a stock depends entirely upon supply and demand.



ANSWERS TO YOUR DU PONT STOCK QUESTIONS

Majority of Martinsville Plant Employees Now Participating In Company's Popular Thrift Plan; More Expected To Join

Approximately 61% of all eligible wage roll employees and 87% of all eligible salary roll employees at the Martinsville Nylon plant are now participating in the new Thrift Plan. Later enrollments in the Plan are expected to gradually increase the number until a very high percentage will be taking advantage of this op-

portunity to buy U. S. Savings Bonds and at the same time have laid aside for them by the Company twenty-five cents for every dollar they save in bonds. When the amount of cash savings has accumulated to the equivalent of a share of Du Pont common stock, the stock will be purchased for the employee

and placed in his name.

Since so many people are now interested in information about stocks and stock ownership, we are attempting in this article to answer a number of questions which have arisen in this connection.

For the answers to any other questions, see some member of your supervision.



Stockholders' Meeting

ANNUAL Du Pont Stockholders' Meeting is designed to give the Company's nearly 153,000 shareholders an opportunity to exercise their control as owners of Du Pont. It also allows the Board of Directors to report on its activities and the activities of the Company during the past year, and gives the stockholders an opportunity to comment on these many activities.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: For how many years has Du Pont paid consecutive quarterly dividends?

Answer: The Company has paid a dividend of varying amounts to holders of common stock every three months since 1904.

Dividend Checks

DIVIDEND CHECKS, the return on stockholders' investment in our Company, are sorted for dispatch from Du Pont's spacious mail room in Wilmington, Delaware.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: Who is permitted to buy Du Pont stock?

Answer: Anybody who wants to. Shares of large corporations like Du Pont may be readily purchased through banks, brokers and investment firms. In the 10-year period, 1945 to present, Du Pont stockholders rose from 87,936 to nearly 153,000, an increase of more than 73 percent.

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Question: How many kinds of Du Pont stock are there?

Answer: Two: common and preferred stock. A prime difference between them is that common stock dividends may be increased, decreased, kept the same or dropped, depending upon the financial condition of the company. Preferred stock, on the other hand, usually has a set dividend rate; if a company makes money it must pay the fixed, preferred dividend before it gives common stockholders any return on their money.

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Question: How many shares of Du Pont stock have been issued?

Answer: More than 45 million shares of Du Pont common stock and nearly 2,400,000 shares of preferred stock have been issued.



Stock Certificate

STOCK CERTIFICATE, like that held by Sam Nelson, Maintenance, is the tangible evidence shareholder has of his investment in tools of production. Sam is currently participating in the new Thrift Plan and is a part owner of the Company with which he works. The badge of Company ownership, the stock certificate, is issued when stock is purchased, registered in the stockholder's name and signifies that he is a part owner of the corporation—entitled to all the rights of a share owner.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

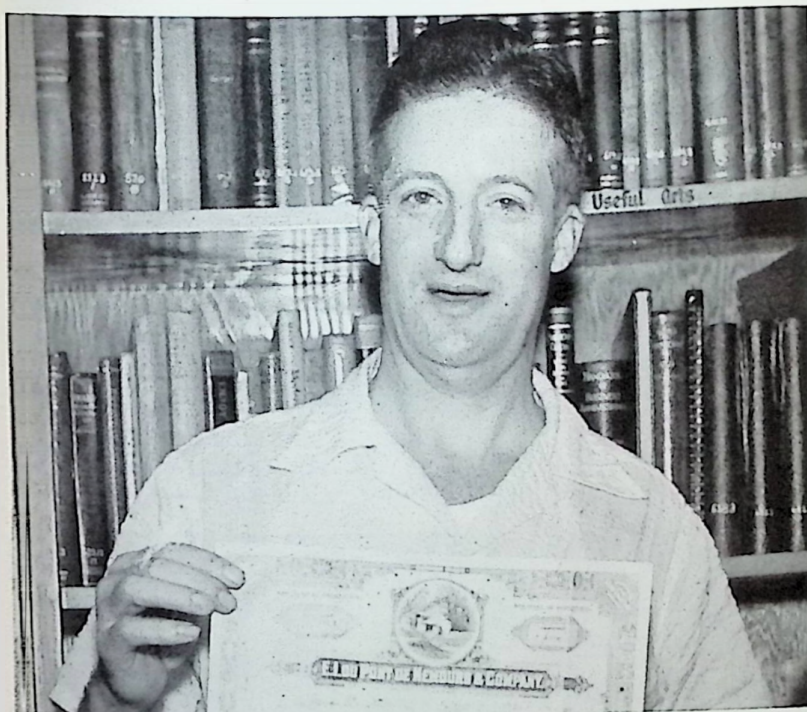
Question: Does a person buy stock directly from the company which issues it?

Answer: Only when new financing is involved. After stock is originally issued by a company, individuals ordinarily deal through brokers who use a stock exchange as the marketplace where sellers and buyers can conveniently meet.

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Question: How much did Du Pont stockholders receive in dividends per share of common stock in 1954?

Answer: The individual holders of common stock received dividends totaling \$5.50 per share in 1954. To date in 1955 dividends total \$4.00 for the first nine months.



5-YEAR SERVICE PINS



Arthur L. Smith
T. M. Hollandsworth
Richard B. Turner
Daniel R. Oakley
Ewell D. Dillon
Johnnie R. Adkins
Marie G. Foley
Mildred J. Pace
Rebecca G. Tipton
Dorothy H. Martin
Margaret B. Hodges

Floy V. Marshall
Helen R. Glover
Oleas G. Shelton
Buren A. Woods
Paul S. Davis
Joseph S. Grogan
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Hazel V. Hale
Patsy S. Fain
Sam W. Watkins
Carol D. Lintecum
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James P. Chappell
Harless B. Howlett
Bennie L. Rakes

Mary J. Hodge
Edna M. Burnette
Dorothy S. Wade
Virginia D. Mullins
Girdaleen P. Fain
John F. Dawson
William N. Toomey
Joseph W. Williams
C. J. Marshall
Jessie O. Tyree

PERSISTENCE PAYS WHEN YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA

YOU have an idea. As far as you know, it's a brand new idea. You'd like to see it fully developed and put into operation. You'd love to be able to say of it: "That's my baby!"

But you know the development of your idea is going to come hard. You'll probably make mistakes. You'll have to start all over. And when all is over, your idea may not be accepted. You want to give up. Quit. That way, you'll be saving yourself a lot of bother. Where would we be if Whitney, Morse, Bell and others had given up? Don't quit. Stick in the game like the five employees on this page. Their determination won them checks—checks needed for many things. Read how the money will help them and keep trying for yours!



KEN MIZELL presents check to Frances Foster, "C" Shift Textile, for adopted suggestion as John Exley looks on. Her money will help pay her grandfather's hospital bill



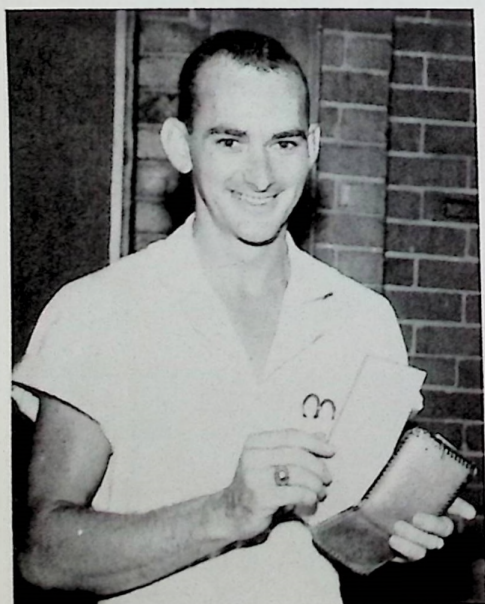
LORA ATKINS, PROCESS

"My money will really come in handy to help me pay for my father's large hospital bill."



VIRGINIA BARROW, PROCESS

"I will use my check for United States Savings Bonds for my daughter's future education."



ROBERT HILL, "D" SHIFT, P. & S.

"I had planned to buy a new car and expect to use my money as a down payment on one."



IRVING STONE, P. & S. DAYS

"Outfitting the children for school is expensive. I will use my check for this purpose."



GEORGE BARKER, "B" SHIFT, P. & S.

"I can use my check very well to make an extra payment on my home near Axton."

COLLEGES—UNIVERSITIES GET BIG \$291,000 GRANT

A fund of \$291,000 for grants to universities and colleges to help improve the teaching of science and mathematics was announced today by the Du Pont Company as part of its \$800,000 aid-to-education program for 1955-56.

There are three separate parts to the support of teaching, which is the most recent development in the company's program:

In the newest phase, \$75,000 for summer and winter fellowships for master's degree training for high school science and mathematics teachers.

\$125,000 to advance the teaching of chemistry in 50 privately supported institutions, mostly liberal arts colleges.

\$91,000 for 24 postgraduate teaching assistantships in chemistry.

The support for better teaching expands an activity which, until the present academic year, was largely experimental. It was developed by the company in recognition of a growing need for such assistance and was worked out in co-operation with educators throughout the nation.

This is now the largest single part of the company's aid-to-education program, which for many years has also provided grants for fundamental research and postgraduate fellowships. The enlarged program will assist more than 100 institutions in the next academic year.

As has been the case in previous years, Du Pont is making the awards to selected colleges and universities and leaving decisions on use of the funds up to them.

WE WORK 18,194 HOURS A DAY TO KEEP HER SMILING



Martinsville nylon employees work 18,194 man-hours per day to please Ruth Holland and seven other Quality Audit girls. Not that these girls aren't as amiable people as you'd like to meet anywhere. They simply are bugs on quality; they are happy when they see good quality yarn.

Ruth and the other Quality Audit girls keep well-trained eyes on the pirns of nylon going to our customers. They check continuously to make sure that we are all processing yarn that meets Du Pont quality standards.

Ruth's efforts to keep quality a by-word at our plant are fundamental to success in the present highly competitive textile market. Our competition includes cotton, wool, silk, rayon and many types of synthetic fibers.

One thing's for sure. If Ruth Holland is happy, you can bet your bottom dollar that our customers are going to be happy; and will be asking for more Martinsville nylon. Keeping that smile on Ruth's face is one of the best formulas for job security that THE BLENDER has to offer. Aren't you willing to help keep her in a pleasant mood?

SPEAKING OF CONFUSION



CONSIDER THESE MEN

All of their troubles started several years ago when they continually found their mail mixed up, especially since they both lived on the same street—Spruce. Later it was discovered they were patronizing the same bank with embarrassing results—one's account showing a tidy sum, the other overdrawn, etc. Their signatures even had bank experts fooled. Robert Edward moved to Collinsville to settle their mail difficulties to some extent, and a conference with bank officials finally straightened them out.

For the benefit of our employees who do not know them—their similarities stop with the names—Robert Eager on the left is a cost clerk with the Project Group. He is 5' 9" tall and weighs 135 pounds. Robert Edward is a mechanic with the Textile Maintenance Group. He is 6' 3" tall and weighs 218 pounds and wears glasses.

They still have some mail delivery troubles but they now consider this a minor problem to the many of the past.

Work Is Made
Easier With a Smile

News Report

In The Parking Lot, Too,
Courtesy Counts. Don't
Drive Like a Wildman

Du Pont Payroll In Martinsville Tops \$13,000,000

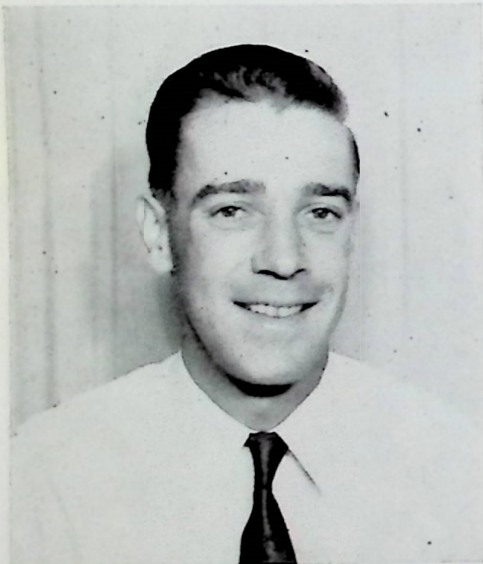
The Du Pont nylon plant put more than \$13,000,000 into the business life of Martinsville last year, it was recently disclosed in the company's annual economic survey of its manufacturing operations in Virginia and West Virginia.

The total was made up of the local plant's payroll of \$12,818,866 on top of about \$374,000 in materials and services bought from more than 150 Martinsville businesses. About \$1,555,000 in purchases were made for the plant from Virginia companies outside Martinsville, bringing to \$14,700,000 the total injected into the state's economy by the local Du Pont operation last year.

Among major purchases in the two states were coal and paper products. The plant also spent \$17,060 locally for such things as fishing equipment and hand tools as safety prizes.

From one Martinsville company employing eight persons, the plant purchased 65,000,000 nylon identification discs, switching the order from an out-of-state firm.

Transfer From Waynesboro



THEODORE E. (TED) MADER, Textile Foreman, was recently transferred here from Waynesboro. Ted is married to the former Amelia Boyd of Stuarts Draft, Va., and has two children. We welcome Ted and his family to Martinsville.

Each failure a man experiences should be a new starting point.

The high cost of earning a big salary drives many executives into retirement.

50th Wedding Anniversary Party



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Gillespie at which four generations were present. The party was held recently in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Arthur and Mrs. Hundley (left). James Purdy, Arthur's son-in-law, is at right with his family. Arthur is in the Carpenter Shop and James in P. & S. The "Blender" extends congratulations.

1954 Safety Performance Was Best In Du Pont's History

The safety performance of Du Pont employees last year made 1954 the safest year in the company's

history. The frequency rate was .33 lost-time or disabling injuries per one million man-hours worked, a 40 per cent improvement over the 1953 experience. Severity rate, an indication of how serious the injuries were, was .16, as compared to .70 in 1953, which represents better than a 75 per cent improvement.

Technical Advance Multiplies Demand For Scientists, Engineers

Technical advance multiplies the demand for trained technical manpower, and has tripled Du Pont's requirements for scientists and engineers in the past 15 years.

Nationwide demand for technically trained men has doubled the number of employed engineers in the same period. Yet the demands of a rising technology still are greater than the supply.

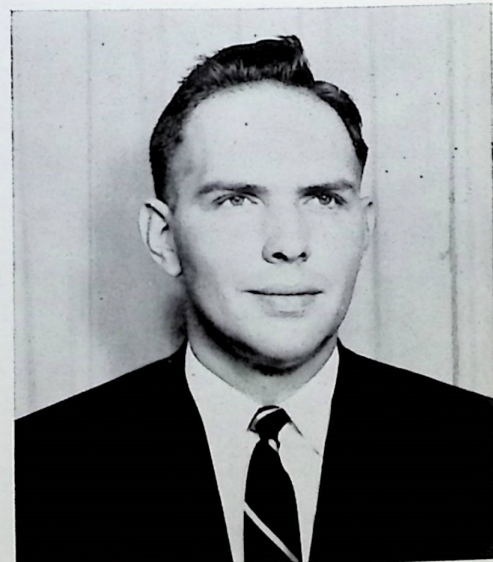
Industry's requirements are currently running at an annual rate of 30,000 engineers, but colleges and universities will graduate only 23,000 engineers this year. It is estimated trained technical manpower will be in critical supply for the next 10 years.

Never waste time reflecting on opportunities you have missed. While reflecting you might miss more

You can carve your own tombstone by chiseling in traffic.

For delivering news, the female has been found more dependable than the mail.

Returned Veteran



LIEUTENANT John J. Wallace, former Student Operator, returned from Military Service in September. After basic training, John was in Twentynine Palms, California, two years. We welcome him back to the Martinsville plant.

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .



Barbara Powell, Textile, to Tillman Dudley, Rocky Mount, Va.
Nadine Walker, Inspection, to Royce Dillon, Inspection.
Peggy Harnsberger, Production Control, to Jack Stultz, Martinsville, Va.
Lois F. Mason, Spinneret Mfg., to Fred S. Purdy, Pleasant Grove, Va.



Jessie Hundley, Textile, and Floyd Perdue, Rocky Mount, Va.
Jewel Thomas, Textile, and Benton Stone, Martinsville, Va.
Odell Hubbard, Textile, and Walter Harman, Floyd, Va.
Laura Emerson, Textile, and Emmett Church, Spray, N. C.
Peggy A. Aldridge, Textile, and William Perdue, Martinsville, Va.
Nancy A. Shropshire, Textile, and Lester G. Patterson, U. S. Air Force.
Violet M. Thomas, Textile, and Clyde Wiggington, Bassett, Va.
Barbara Bolejack, Inspection, and D. Wayne Hampton, Fieldale, Va.
Juanita Sutphin, Textile, and Leon Tolbert, Dugspur, Va.
Patsy Sabow, Textile, and Thomas Beck, Martinsville, Va.
Don Hite, Lubrication, and Ilinene Lawrence, Martinsville, Va.



Jim Hare, Process, a daughter, Laura Robin, September 8.
Stan Cobb, Process, a daughter, Lisa De Merritt, September 7.
Bernard Rakes, Inspection, a son,

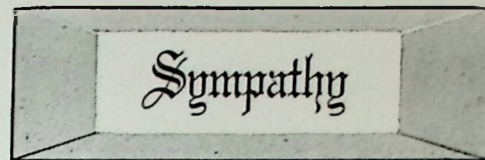
Thomas Kirk, August 29.

Sadie Williams, Textile, a daughter, Vicky Lee, September 24.
Joy Rodgers, Textile, a son, David Clinton, September 25.
Annis Preston, Textile, a daughter, Cynthia Ann, July 9.
Ruth Gregory, Textile, a son, Robert Bryn, September 30.
Ruth and Andrew Gravely, Process Control and Textile, a son, Steven Wayne, September 30.
Robert Barbour, P. & S., a daughter, Peggy Jean, September 4.
Jessie Taylor, Inspection, a daughter, Kathy Lee, September 13.
Christine and John Pratt, Textile and P. & S., a daughter, Rhonda Denise, September 16.
Doris Wood, Textile, a daughter, Anita Carlene, August 28.
Sena Hodges, Textile, a daughter, Shirley Ann, September 19.
Calvin Beard, Production Control, a daughter, Linda Gayle, September 16.
Jean Wright, Textile, a son, Joel Chester, September 5.
Sarah Holliman, Textile, a daughter, Bonita, September 29.
Paulina Prillaman, Stores, a daughter, Mollie Dee, June 19.
Llewellyn Moyer, Bobbin Stores, a son, Larry Llewellyn, September 29.
O. H. Fitzgerald, Textile, a daughter, Jody Lynne, October 6.
Barbara Hammock, Inspection, a son, Michael Wilson, July 19.
Annie Nowlin, Denier Room, a son, Keith Thomas, June 14.
Eddie Mills, Inspection, a son, Ronald Dale, September 5.



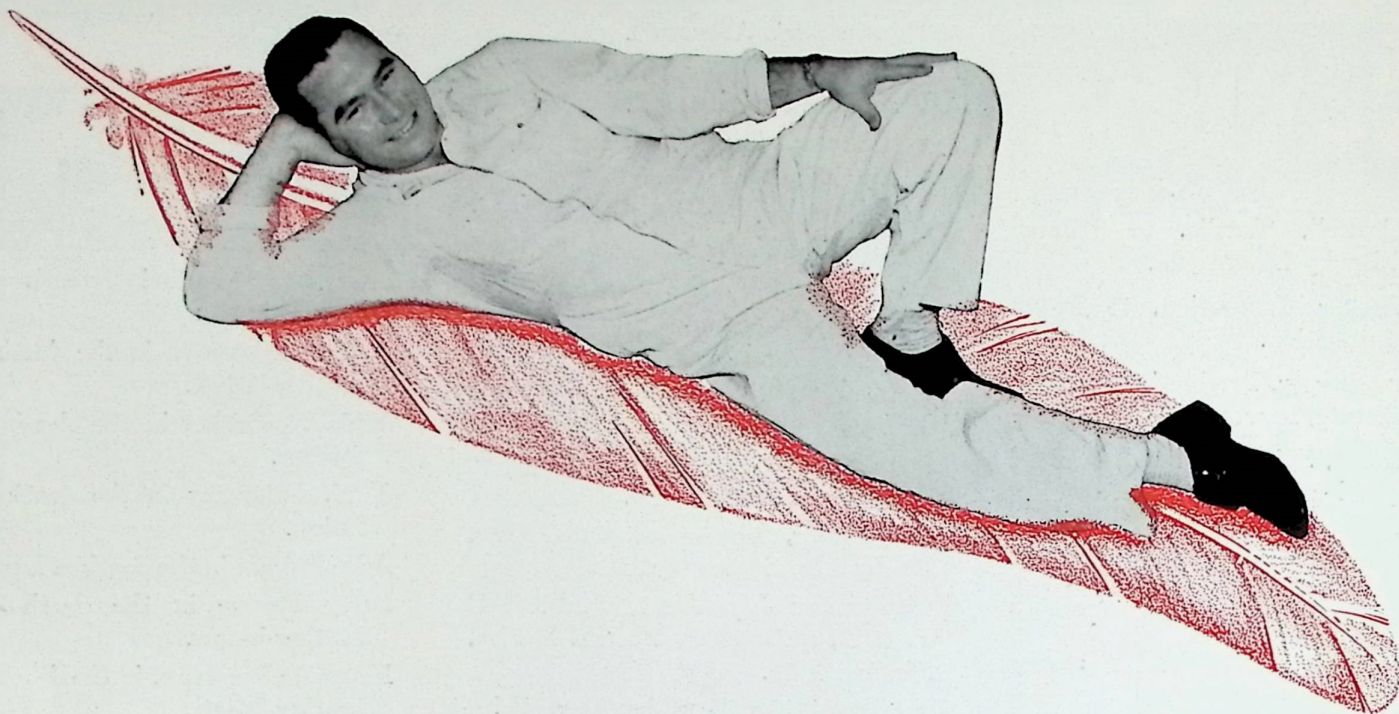
We extend a cordial welcome to the following new employees:
Virginia T. Ellis, Shirley M. Lawson, Diana R. Walton, Myrtle P. Minter, Mavis J. Willis, Velda O. Willis, Sylvia C. Wright, Peggy A. Ingram, Arletta V. Stowe, Nancy A. Carter,

Bessie J. Marshall, Lena J. Wray, Shirley G. Turner, Thelma E. Starkey, Alice C. Thurman, Paul B. Bates, Gilbert N. Scholfield, Milbrey O. Burgett.



The plant personnel extends deepest sympathy to:

A. R. Christensen in the death of his mother-in-law.
Willa Robertson in the death of her mother.
J. X. Labovsky in the death of his father.
Alice Ingram in the death of her father.
Ruby Perdue in the death of her brother-in-law.
Magaline Donavant in the death of her brother-in-law.
Lillian Martin in the death of her father-in-law.
Elva Bullins in the death of her father-in-law.
Ken Mizell in the death of his uncle.
Ruby Harris in the death of her mother.
Louise Prilliman in the death of her two sisters.
Eunice Allen in the death of her grandmother.
Glenn Hardee in the death of his mother.
Robert Johnston in the death of his brother.
June Griffith in the death of her aunt.
Marion Barksdale in the death of her father.
Clyde C. Dillon in the death of his mother.
Evelyn Norman in the death of her brother.
Dorothy Ball in the death of her uncle.
Jean Campbell in the death of her grandmother.
LaRue Suits in the death of her mother-in-law.
Lara Biggs in the death of her grandmother.
Herbert Turner in the death of his nieces.
A. B. Kallam in the death of his mother.
James and Elmo Compton in the death of their brother.
Lewis Slagle in the death of his brother.



"I FEEL LIGHT AS A FEATHER"

"I'm Glenn Reynolds of 'B' Shift, P. & S., T-8. I weigh over 200 pounds, but I feel light as a feather because I plan to give to our local Community Chest during the week of October 16. You will feel light, too, if you give.

"This is OUR Community Chest and the money goes to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Martinsville Welfare Department, Martinsville School Cafeterias, Martinsville Public Library, National Travelers' Aid, Orthopedic Clinic, Children's Home

Society of Virginia, Martinsville-Henry County Life Saving Crew, Martinsville-Henry County Mental Health Society and the YMCA Hi-Y Fund and YMCA.

"The city's goal is \$21,965.00 to help these agencies. Our plant goal is \$1.30 per employee.

"All these groups need our help, so how about joining me in helping meet the goal. You, too, will like the way you feel when you contribute and wear your Red Feather so proudly around our plant."



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING —THROUGH CHEMISTRY

THE BLENDER

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 JAMES PENN.....Yard Laborers & Garage

THE COVER

THE overflowing shopping bag of groceries just purchased by Katie Johnson of Textile, is another example of the bounty and choice of food we have in America, and another reason to give thanks this Thanksgiving. Her able assistant is her son, Vance.

THE ART OF GETTING ALONG

Sooner or later, if a man is wise, he discovers that business life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul—that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.

He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses.

He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight.

He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business shows a profit.

He learns that buck passing always turns out to be a boomerang and that it never pays.

He comes to realize that the business could run along perfectly well without him.

He learns that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "Good Morning", even if it is raining.

He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, and that hard work and not cleverness is the secret of success.

He learns to sympathize with the youngster coming into the business because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started.

He learns not to worry too much when he makes a mistake because experience has shown that if he always gives his best, his average will break pretty well.

He learns that his bosses are not monsters trying to get the last ounce of work out of him for the least amount of pay, but that they are usually fine men who have succeeded through hard work and who want to do the right thing.

He learns that the gang is not any harder to get along with in one place than in another and that "getting along" depends about 98 % on his own behavior.

A FEATHER IN OUR CAP

THERE'S nothing else that warms the heart quite like the satisfaction of giving—the feeling one has after helping someone. This being true, Martinsville plant employees must be feeling a deep satisfaction for having contributed, along with the Company, more than \$6,000 to the Community Chest Drive which closed recently.

Blessed ourselves with much to be grateful for, we have demonstrated that we are not unmindful of others less fortunate, those who need help and encouragement. We dug deeply for the Community Chest this year, and we didn't waste any time doing it. We gave as we wished. The response was spontaneous, voluntary, unselfish.

Viewing the Red Feather Drive from a practical standpoint, we discover that we actually were helping ourselves when we contributed. In addition to receiving indirect benefits by merely living in a city helped by the Chest, quite a number of us could need some direct assistance before another year is gone.

The BLENDER wishes to register congratulations. The successful manner in which the campaign was conducted and received by you again demonstrates the fine spirit which prevails in the Martinsville nylon organization year after year.



From Heaven, our Strength; from Earth, our bountiful substance

AS individuals and as a nation, we Americans have every reason to be thankful for our blessings. No other nation and no other people in all of the history of the world have lived in such abundance. Our farms and mines, forests and factories have produced beyond the dreams of most of the peoples of the earth. Do we not, of all people, have uncounted blessings to be grateful for this Thanksgiving Day?

We should be thankful not only for the spiritual wealth and material bounty of our past and present, but also for the even brighter future of America and Americans. And how can we see the future? By finding the secret of our present prosperity. That secret is economic growth. Since you began reading this article, a baby has been born. By this time tomorrow, America will have 11,000 new citizens. By this time next month, a city the size of Des Moines will have been added to America's strength.

This amazing growth calls for new schools and new factories, new homes and new highways. And all these mean brighter opportunities for everyone. Never has America had such good reasons for optimism and enterprise.

The picture on this and those on the following pages of the Martinsville Plant employees going about familiar pursuits, show some of the things for which we have reason to be grateful on Thanksgiving. They also show why we, men, women and youngsters, look to the future of our America with such confidence.



INDIVIDUAL savings accounts like that of Ann Jeffries, "A" Shift Textile, greatly strengthen America's economy. Here she and Regina Ann discuss deposit with Bob Morse of the local Piedmont Trust Bank. Martinsville and Henry County have seven banks.



SUPERMARKETS like Stadler's Market show the abundance of our American Way of Life. Nelda Turner, "C" Shift, Textile, with her daughter Debra Susan, is pictured on one of her shopping trips.



ONE of America's biggest assets is soil. It is basic to many of our employees like Tom Martin, I. & S. He's shown giving Pamela, 2, a "driving lesson" as wife, Juanita, Accounting, looks on.

AMERICANS are the greatest homeowners in the world and take pride in doing much of the work themselves. James McBride, "C" Shift, Textile, gets an assist on yard of his new home from wife, Dorothy, and son, James Kenneth. They live in Leaksville.

OUR favorite pastime is family play. Here Frank Goins, Design, engages in a little football practice with (L. to R.) Winslow, Frances and Bob as Mrs. Goins, Ruth Anna and Carolyn look on. Another son, Joe, was away visiting when the picture was made.





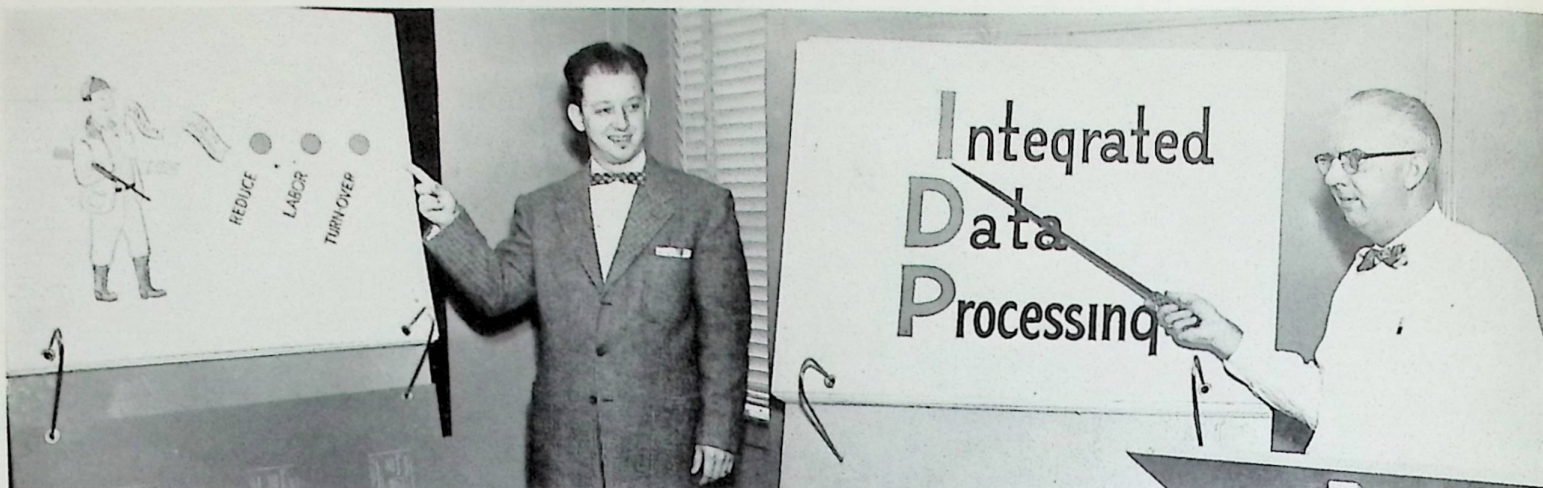
NEEDS of America's fast-growing population typified here by (Left to Right) Brenda Dillon, Patsy Liggan, Robert ("Tip") Belcher and Terry Palmer, create hundreds of new jobs, thus adding to our envied economy. The children attend South Martinsville School.



THE AUTO is another symbol of American bounty. Irene Thomason, like millions of other Americans, drives to and from work in her own car — an unheard of accomplishment for peoples behind the "Iron Curtain" or even in dozens of other countries still free.

THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF ALL OF OUR AMERICAN CHURCHES WE ARE ABLE TO LEAD MUCH RICHER, FULLER LIVES DAILY.





MELVIN WELLS . . . "The Selection of Hourly Roll Employees"

WILMER NOBLE . . . "Integrated Data Processing"

PLANT WAS A RECENT HOST FOR MANUFACTURING REVIEW

ON October 20, our plant was host for a Manufacturing Review for the benefit of the Textile Fibers Departmental directors, managers and guests headed by Mr. A. E. Buchanan, Jr., General Manager.

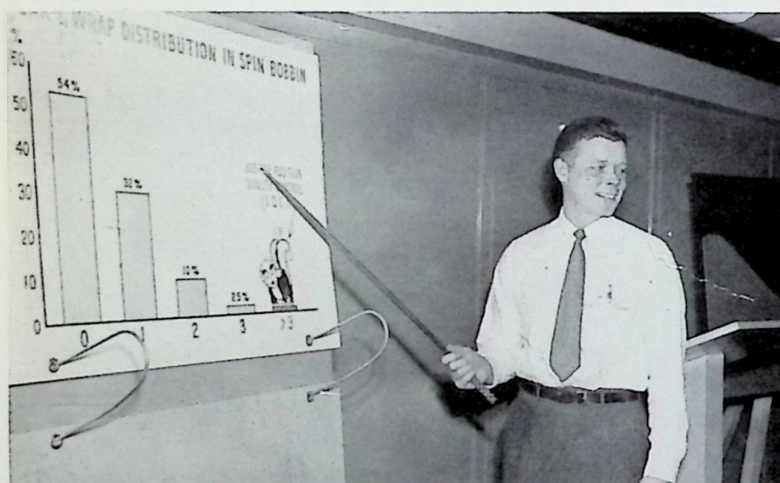
After an address by Plant Manager Hartford, the visitors were escorted to stations throughout the plant and heard

talks on quality control, development, costs, selection of employees and other subjects.

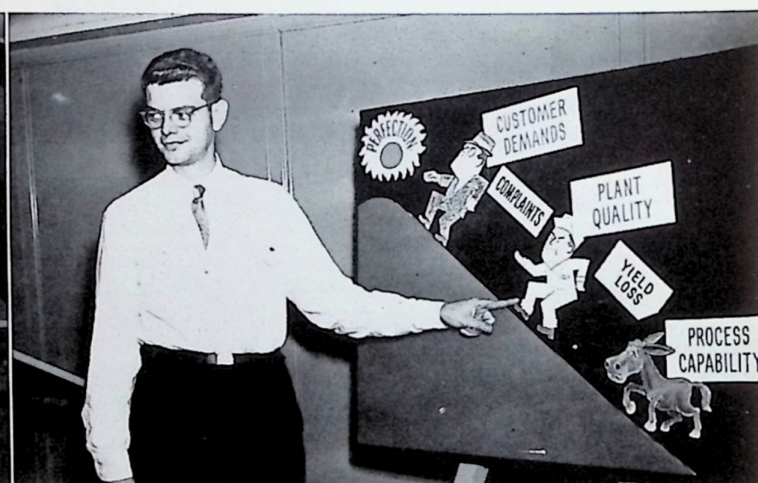
In addition to the speakers we have pictured, the group heard M. E. Akridge, C. R. Denny, A. P. Rushton, R. G. Pegram, R. J. Blair, D. E. Maple, F. M. Hammill, D. R. Strachan, S. M. Giddings, J. W. Williams, D. L. Wiggins, J. G.

Owens, R. E. Reid, J. S. Dallas, D. S. Conklin, J. S. Cobb and J. M. Coleman. Following the Review, the guests and speakers had dinner at the Lynwood Club.

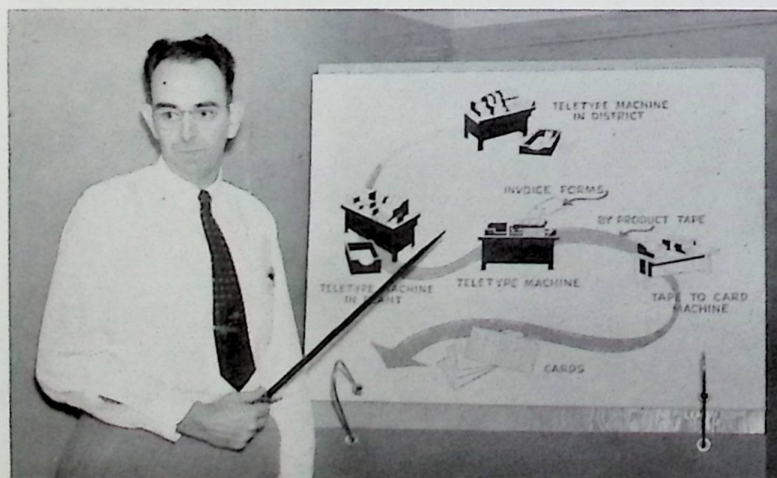
We have been advised that our guests considered The Review excellent and we congratulate all those who had a part in it . . . speakers, coordinators and planners.



JACK McKENNEY . . . "Practicing Quality Control"



ROBERT JEFFRIES . . . "Control of Process Averages"



"BUD" ABBITT . . . "The HOW of Integrated Data Processing"



"MATT" HUBBARD . . . "Martinsville Cafeteria Operations"



OUR CITY'S HUSTLING, ALERT 125-POUND FOOTBALL TEAM

Under the direction of Physical Education Instructor, Tom Steele, the local 125-pound team gets the "full treatment" every afternoon following school. An hour or more of blocking, tackling, signal drills and black-board sessions are molding future stars for the "Bulldog" Junior Varsity and Varsity.

As we go to press the team has been able to schedule only two games, both with the Hargrave Military Academy Junior Varsity. The first game was lost by a score of 13-12; the second game was won 42-0. (Editor's Note: It has been whispered to us that they have defeated the third-string Junior Varsity on one or two occasions.)

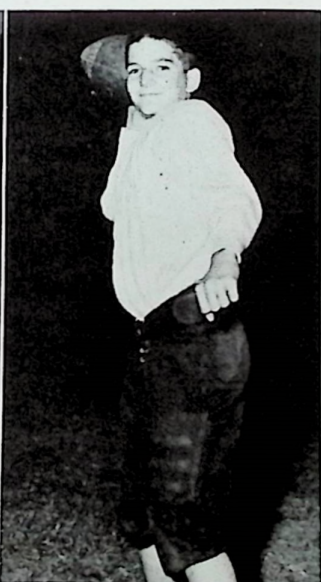
Many of the players (seven at right and below) are sons of our employees and we congratulate them on their sportsmanship.



LINEMEN (LEFT TO RIGHT) JOHN SWEZEY, FREDDIE ROBBINS AND BILLY MITCHELL



CHARLES COLE



WILLIAM CLINGENPEEL



(L. TO R.) DON CAMPBELL, JIMMY TORREY "GREET" THE BLOCKING DUMMY

AND...



THE 1955 MARTINSVILLE HIGH "BULLDOG" FOOTBALL TEAM WHICH IS COMPLETING ITS MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN MANY YEARS.

... BULLDOGS' BIG GAME WITH FLEMING HIGH

THE Martinsville High School "Bulldogs" entered the "big" game with Fleming High School of Roanoke on October 21 sporting a five-game winning streak.

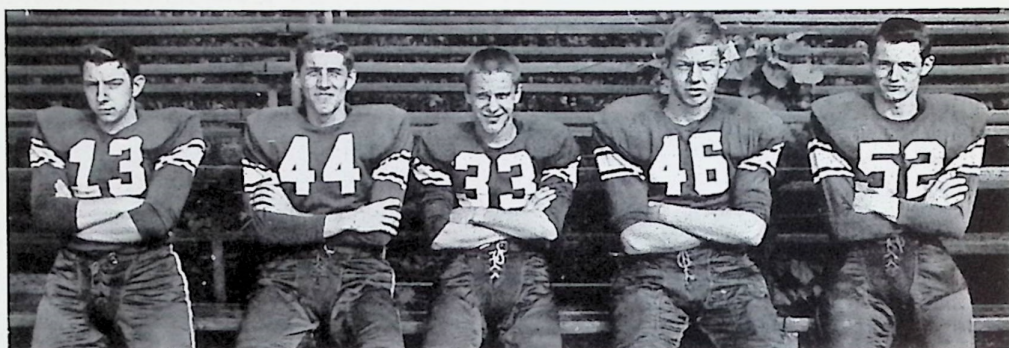
After the final whistle had blown the "Bulldogs" had victory (a close 13-12 verdict) number six in the books.

The game played before several thousand fans from Roanoke and Martinsville, was the first victory over the strong Class A foe in several years and spoiled the homecoming for the Colonels.

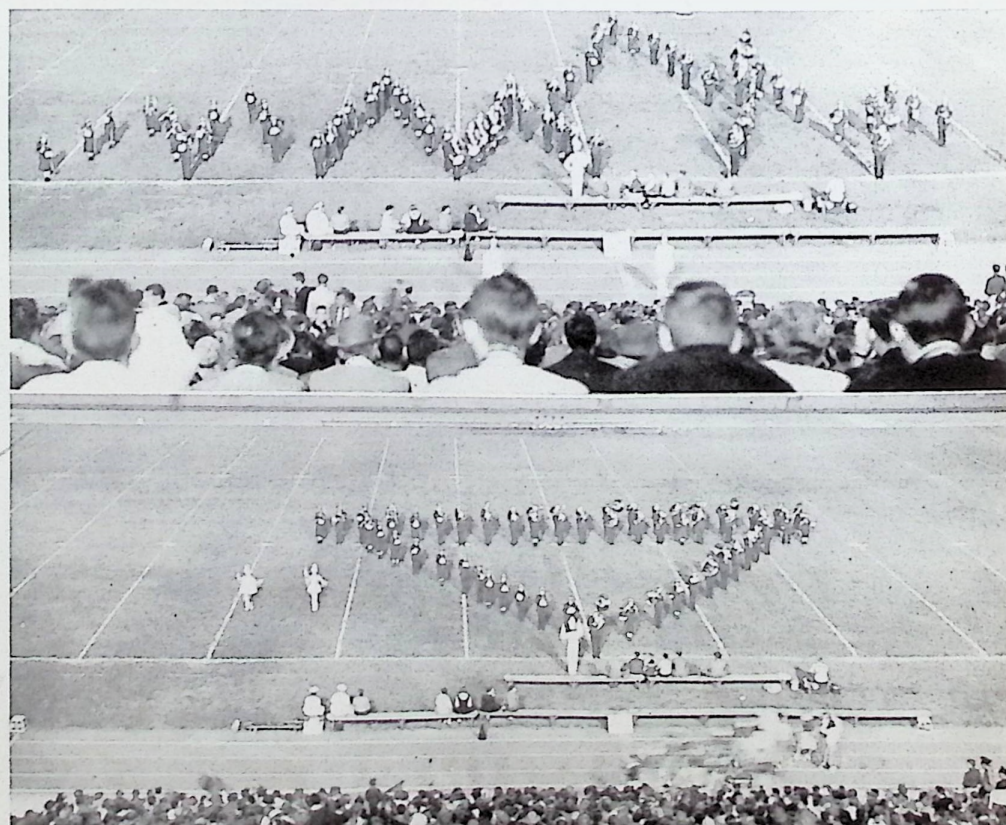
In the first quarter Martinsville scored two quick touchdowns on end sweeps and line thrusts. However, in the last three quarters the gallant "Bulldog" line had to put on two brilliant goal line stands to save the victory over their opponent's passing attack.

The BLENDER has pictured on these pages several scenes made by Plant Photographer, Tarleton Andes, during the thrill-packed game.

We congratulate the coaches and wish the "Bulldogs" success in their remaining games on the road to the district championship. (Ed. Note: This was won 11-4.)



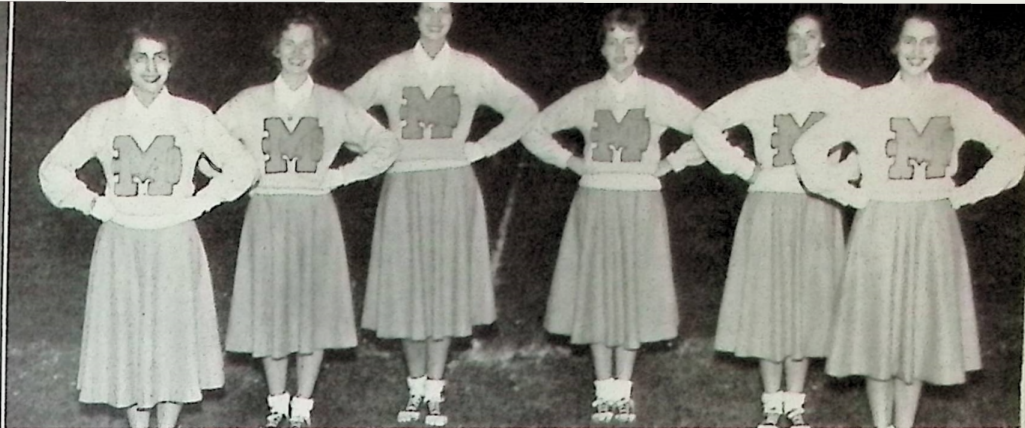
SONS OF DU PONTES: (L. TO R.) MOURLEY, HILBERT, RANDOLPH, MAY, BRIGMAN.



MARTINSVILLE BAND'S UNIQUE MANEUVERS RECEIVED CHEERS FROM THE BIG CROWD.



THE GAME WAS BROADCAST BY WMVA.



(LEFT TO RIGHT) SPENCER, TERRY, CHAFFIN . . . PRITCHARD, WHITT, DAVIS, MINTER, FINNEY, MARLOWE CHEERED ON TEAM.



IT WAS HOMECOMING DAY FOR THE FLEMING COLONS . . . THE MARTINSVILLE "BULLDOGS" WON THE TOSS—ELECTED TO RECEIVE.



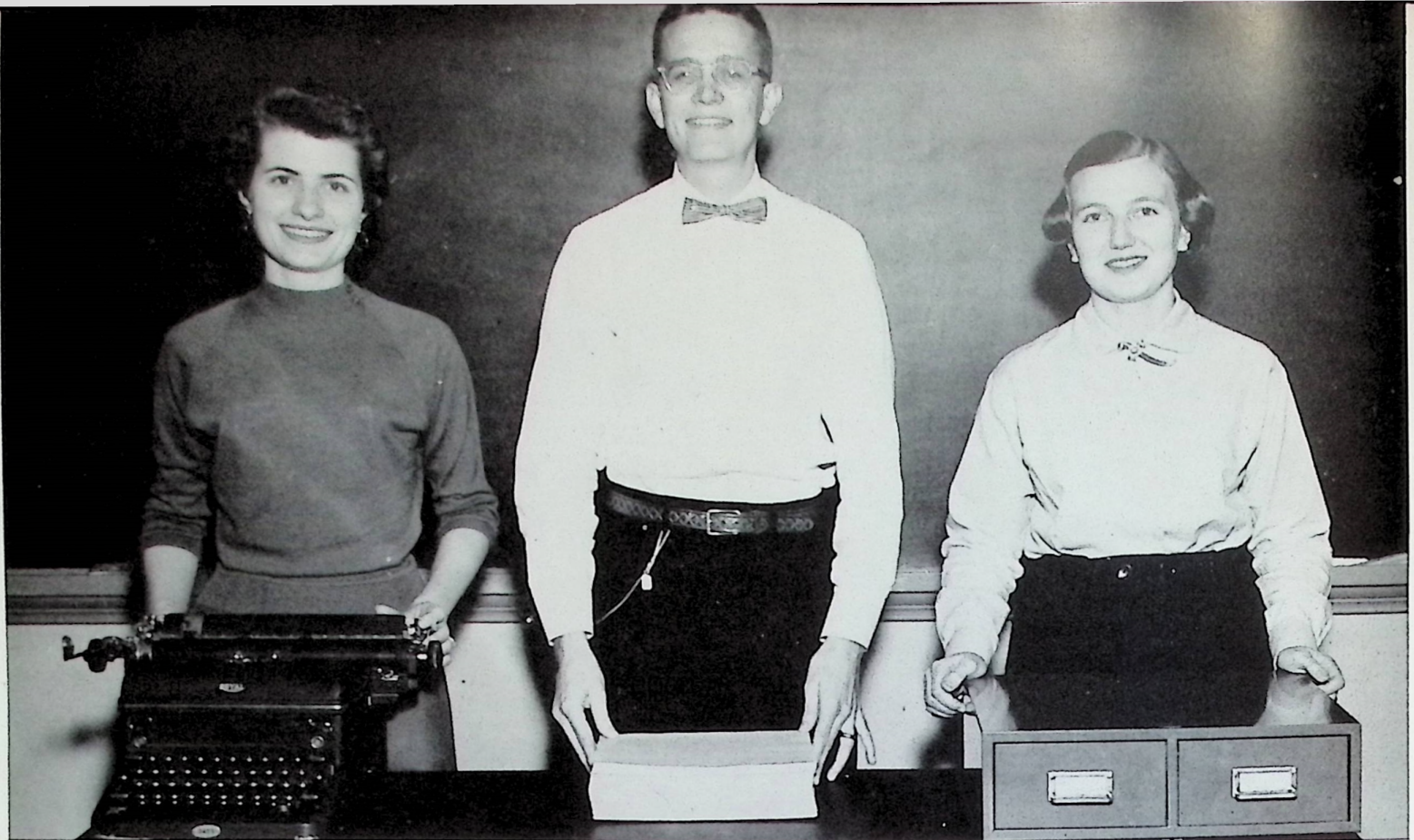
RANDOLPH, DRAPER READY FOR ACTION . . . FINE BLOCKING OPENED BIG HOLE FOR BALL CARRIERS THROUGHOUT THE GAME.



THE TEAM MANAGERS, MOORE AND BYRD . . . AND STUDENTS CELEBRATED VICTORY AT ARCHIE'S TOWN HOUSE FOLLOWING THE GAME.

SEVERAL HUNDRED MARTINSVILLE CITIZENS MADE THE JOURNEY TO ROANOKE AND CHEERED TEAM TO ITS MOST CHERISHED VICTORY.





(L. TO R.) DORIS INGRAM, BILL AKERS AND CORNELIA SETLIFF WITH EQUIPMENT THAT CAUSES MOST INJURIES TO OFFICE GROUPS.

OUR OFFICE SAFETY, LIKE OUR PLANT SAFETY, IS AN ATTITUDE

IN reviewing their sub-minor injuries for 1954, the Accounting personnel discovered that 50% of them were caused by striking or being pinched by equipment. 31% of the total were paper cuts. These statistics prove that office equipment invites injury.

Safety in the office is an attitude just as it is in the plant. Every animal has instincts which protect it. If you've hunted or fished, you've seen the reflexes that a bird, deer or fish uses to keep it one step ahead of disaster.

But what of man? What protects him

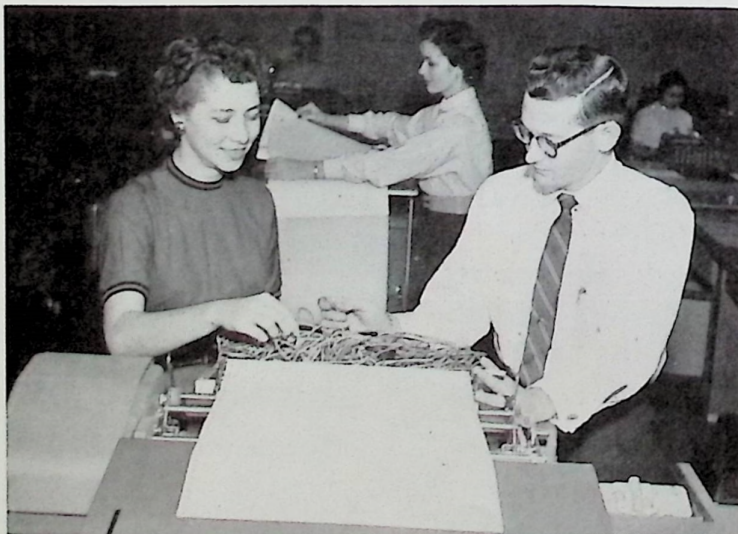
in a complex, mechanized world? His is a world changing constantly; and each change seems to breed new hazards. The 'Possum has had thousands of years to learn to play dead in avoiding danger—but in just a short span of years, men have had to learn to live with many new and dangerous gadgets including office equipment. What can we do then, to protect ourselves from the ever-increasing hazards of a swifter existence?

Attitude! That's our best bet. We must always be aware of the dangers that fill our working day, and develop habits

that will carry us safely through without cuts and scratches or injuries more serious. Unlike the animal, we can think; think of the moment and think ahead.

Thinking is our ace in the hole. It beats playing 'Possum or wearing feathers that blend with the background and hide our motions.

After all, the word "accident" means "something unexpected." Of course, nobody ever plans an accident in the plant or office—but smart people plan for their safety. It's in our attitude—an attitude we should keep with us constantly.



ELVA GREGORY, Donald Martin and Carl Jean Duncan (rear) all work in the Tabulating Area which has a large amount of mechanical equipment. It is imperative that all of them be alert to prevent injuries.



FAMILIARITY with equipment such as the addressograph operated by Barbara Riggan tends to dull safety consciousness. This machine could easily cause an injury to Barbara if she were not mentally alert.

Martinsville High School



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS VISIT PLANTS, LEARN U. S. BUSINESS SYSTEM

IN order to become better acquainted with our American Free Enterprise System and how it works, the senior members of the city and county high schools visited certain local industries during October. The program, sponsored by the Virginia Manufacturers Association in the Martinsville-Henry County area, was designed to give the students facts concerning investment, profits, stockholders, costs, taxes, opportunities offered by business, etc.

Plants visited were American, Hooker, Gravely and Stanley Furniture Companies, Sale, Pannill, Fieldcrest, Standard Garments, Bassett-Walker Knitting and a regular tour of our own Nylon Plant.



(Above)
*Drewry Mason
High School*

*Bassett
High School*



(Left)
*George Washington
Carver High*

*Albert Harris
High School*



*Fieldale High
School*



20-YEAR SERVICE PINS



J. ROLAND RHETT
P. & S.



GEORGE L. PORTER
Process



WILLIAM C. HAM
Staff



10-YEAR PINS



NANCY STANLEY
Inspection



MAE BELTON
Textile



F. HAZLEWOOD
P. & S.



C. CAMPBELL
Textile



MARY CANNADAY
Textile



LENA BULLINS
Textile



LOLA MARTIN
Textile



"AL" RUSHTON
Maintenance



LILLIE BYRD
Textile



MARGARET MILLS
Process



VIOLET HUDSON
Textile



LEE PATTERSON
Service



DAVID WADE
Service



5 YEARS SERVICE

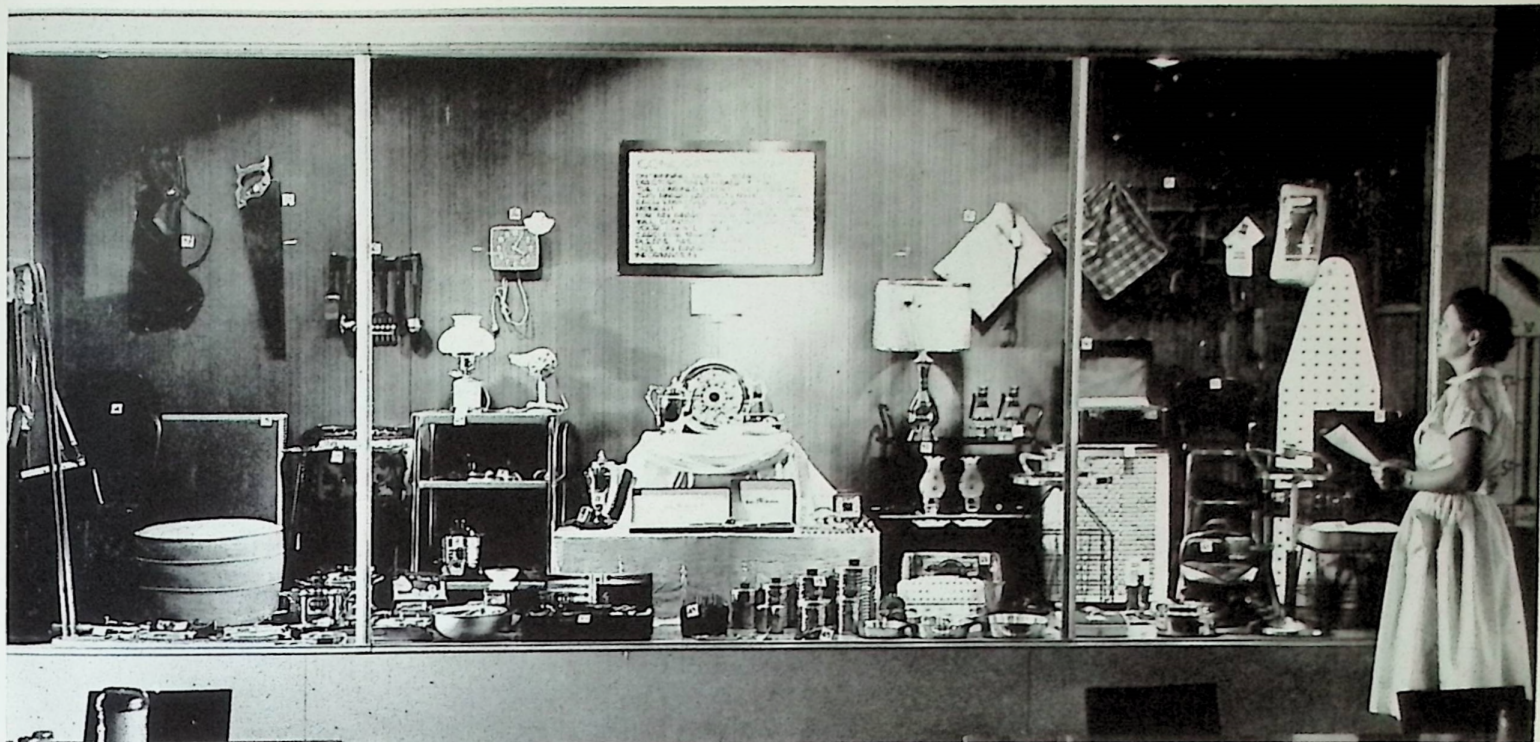


Loretta McGhee.....Textile T-8
John Ferguson.....P. & S. T-9
Lizzie Brown.....Textile T-8
Lois Chaney.....Textile T-8
Eula Phillips.....Textile T-8
Gladys Turner.....Textile T-8
Margaret Keffer.....Textile T-9
Beatrice Adkins.....Textile T-9
Beadie Hughes.....Textile T-9
Mary K. Cannaday.....Textile T-8
Boyd Penn.....Service
Ruby Willis.....Denier Room
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Thelma Morehead.....Textile T-9

Lucy Prillaman.....Textile T-8
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Clyde Dance.....P. & S. T-9
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B. A. Patterson.....Textile T-9
Virginia Aldridge.....Textile T-8
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Virginia Cockram.....Textile T-9
Helen Cagle.....Textile T-9
P. H. Reynolds.....Textile T-9
Hazel Gee.....Textile T-9
Mollie Hubbard.....Textile T-9
Wilda Shields.....Textile T-9
Annie Nowlin.....Textile T-9

20TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAFETY AWARD WON OCT. 11



RUTH HENSLEY REVIEWS THE 63 SAFETY AWARD PRIZES ON DISPLAY AFTER PLANT COMPLETED 957 DAYS WITHOUT A MAJOR INJURY.

ORGANIZATION CHANGES



(LEFT to Right from Top) Paul Bates, Gilbert ("Gil") Schofield, Otto Burgett and Richard ("Dick") Myers. PAUL was transferred to Martinsville October 1 from Waynesboro and is an Engineer in Process; he is married to the former Jean Ford of Buchanan, Va. and they have three children. "GIL", a Textile Foreman, was also transferred from Waynesboro October 1. He is married to the former Helen Billington of New Bedford, Mass.; they also have 3 children. OTTO, an Engineer in Methods and Planning was transferred from Savannah River, October 1; he is married to the former LaJuan Dunlap of Midland, Texas; they have no children. "DICK" was promoted from Millwright Foreman to Maintenance Services Supervisor October 1. Welcome to our transfers and congratulations to Dick on his promotion.

ARE YOU TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO PAY THOSE CHRISTMAS BILLS?

THIS KEY CAN HELP SOLVE YOUR MONEY PROBLEMS!

Count the letters in your first name . . . Subtract 4 if number is 6 or more . . . Add 3 if number is less than 6 . . . The letters appearing under your key number may help solve your financial worries.

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In the first nine months of this year a few of our employees have gotten several hundred dollars from the Suggestion System for their ideas. How much have you received?

NEWS

"C" SHIFT, Pirn Prep, completed 346 days without a plant injury as of October 27 and also recently became the latest 100% safety shoe owner-wearer group. (1st Row L. to R.) Virginia Robbins, Virginia Elliott, Geraldine Hamblett, Betty Williams, Clarice Duffy, Dorothy Goad, Elizabeth Sprinkle. (Second Row) Mary Cox, Gracie Amos, Jessie Hall, Frances Amos, Beatrice Painter, Thelma Pendleton, Inez Nunn, Clarice Foley. (Top Row) Elmo Miles, Howard Sizemore, Jr. (Foreman), Noah Mills, Aubrey Robertson, Richard Jamison, Willie Collins, Bobby Wall, Ernest Rakes, John Joyce. Absent: Christine Chilton. Our congratulations.



FOUR MORE USE HEADS AND "HIT THE JACKPOT" WITH SUGGESTION AWARD CHECKS



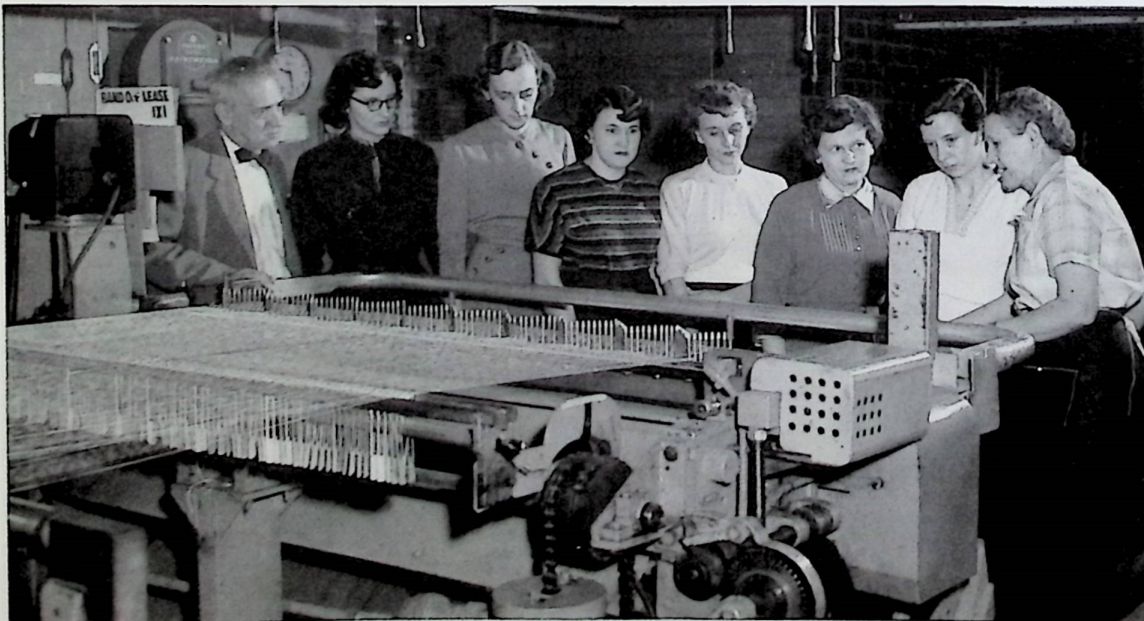
CLARENCE ROBERTSON, Maintenance, suggested a method of cleaning finish from overflow header and "collected".



EVELYN LOVETTE (left), "A" Shift, Textile, and Cora Toler, "C" Shift, Textile, submitted a joint suggestion for hook-on scissors for removing waste on our waste spools and pocketed their award checks. It was the first such check for each girl and proves that the ladies too, can win.



ELLIS J. CARTER, Project, "collected" with his idea for tongs to check the tightness on draw-rolls. He'll use money for Xmas.



(L. TO R.) John Ashby, Planning Engineer of the Spruance Plant, Richmond, Sharlene Turner, Mary Barbour, Bertha Harman, Mary Anderson, Ada Robbins, Alice Nester and Marion Ahern of Spruance. The girls visited our Richmond Plant October 11, had lunch and toured the plant. Mr. Ashby conducted the tour. Miss Ahern is showing them a slashing machine used in rayon process.

PLANT PERSONAL NEWS . . .



Betty Lou Foster, Textile, to Johnnie Huff, Mountain Valley, Va.
Elizabeth Layman, Medical, to Joel C. Hall, Bassett, Va.
Betty Lawson, Textile, to Bill Gregory, Martinsville, Va.
Lucy Harman, Inspection, to Willard Gillie, Spray, N. C.
Doris Chaney, Textile, to Thurman Bolick, Draper, N. C.
Peggy Gilley, Textile, to Mack Vaughn, Fieldale, Va.



Juanita Campbell, Textile, and Lynwood Edwards, U. S. Army.
Mattie Keaton, Inspection, and Leon Williams, Bassett, Va.
Edna Nester, Textile, and Landon Riddle, Martinsville, Va.
Ivadell Gardner, Textile, and William D. Ross, Sydnorsville, Va.
Jewell Frezell, Textile, and Jimmy Cristall, Martinsville, Va.
Jewel Thomas, Textile, and Burton Stone, Martinsville, Va.
Fairy Coleman, Textile, and Jack Stanley, Martinsville, Va.
Barbara Powell, Textile, and Tillman Dudley, Rocky Mount, Va.
Jessie S. Hundley, Textile, and Floyd Perdue, Rocky Mount, Va.
Mary Lou Martin, Denier Room, and Harry McMillan, Bassett, Va.



Mary Frith, Records, a son, Coy B., Jr., October 22.
Leo Cesna, M. & P., a son, Erick Stephen, October 14.
Irma Poore, Textile, a son, David Alan, October 6.
Mary Lou Conner, Textile, a son, William Donald, October 14.
Robert Spencer, Service, a daughter, Ferne Mae, October 9.
Harry Smith, Pipecoverers, a son, Robert Grady, September 20.
Joyce Surratt, Textile, a son, Foy Johnny, October 14.
Louise Arnold, Textile, a daughter.
Nora Bennett, Textile, a son.
William and Lois Purdy, Spinning and

Textile, a son, William Ernest, Jr., October 22.
Jere Cook, Textile, a daughter, Karen Whitehead, October 10.
Pauline McGee, Textile, a son, Jack Davis.
Lois Cassell, Textile, a daughter, Brenda Gayle, October 20.
Ruth Southard, Process Control, a son, John Randolph, October 10.
Alfred Pagans, P. & S., a daughter, Shelia Gail, September 1.
John Joyce, Inspection, a daughter, Mellissa Jo, October 4.
Mildred and Tom Grogan, Inspection and Power House, a son, Thomas Wilson, Jr., October 14.
Sally Montgomery, Textile, a daughter, Judy Kay, September 28.



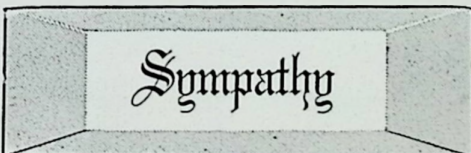
VETERAN RETURNS



CHARLES ABRAMS returned to work 10/17. He was at Franklin Arsenal, Philadelphia, two years. He has been assigned as a Maintenance Engineer. All of us welcome you back, Charlie.

We extend a cordial welcome to the following new employees:

Alene Branscome, Annie Williams, Barbara Pattisall, Peggie Adkins, Shirley Massey, Peggy Stone, Mildred Mattox, Rita Goad, Nancy Bowman, Rebecca Heflinger, Dora Rogers, Faith Hill, Pate Hudson, Nancy Kirk, Dorothy Gilley, Hattie Gusler, Gloria Hunt, Connie Dellinger, Annie Bowman, Mozelle Amos, Henry Simpson and Charlie Cooper.



The plant personnel extends deepest sympathy to:

Eugene Williams in the death of his grandfather.
Martin Kelley in the death of his father.
Faye Perdue in the death of her husband.
Wilmer Noble in the death of his wife.
Pete Gauldin in the death of his uncle.
Marie Smith in the death of her uncle.
Lillie Young in the death of her grandmother.
Becky Tipton in the death of her uncle.
Lois Mason in the death of her uncle.
Mildred Patterson in the death of her uncle.
Ruth Cregger in the death of her brother.
Emmie Helton in the death of her brother-in-law.
Lottie Horsley in the death of her brother-in-law.
Gracie Moles in the death of her mother.

Ada Altice in the death of her sister.
Mildred Anderson in the death of her grandmother.
Helen Cole in the death of her mother.
Vaughnie Southall in the death of her uncle.
Calvin Martin in the death of his father.
Ben Thurman in the death of his father.
Elma Hays in the death of her father-in-law.
Elmo, Edd and Aubrey Compton in the death of their brother.
John Gilbert in the death of his brother.
George Evans in the death of his brother.

WE CONGRATULATE



(LEFT) Dr. C. D. Myers, Process Superintendent, was recently elected President of the Martinsville Kiwanis Club; Charles Redding, Foreman, P. & S., has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. Congratulations.

SERVICE RECOGNITION



TRAVIS MATTOX, Training Supervisor and Robert Hayden, Process Supervisor, who received 20-year and 15-year service pins respectively in September. Congratulations to you.

PENSIONER VISITS PLANT



MELVIN WELLS, Employment Supervisor, greets W. W. ("Pop") Overton, plant pensioner, on a recent visit here to greet his old friends.

EVERY MAN A CROCKETT



For Jerry Blackburn, age 5, son of Jo Blackburn, Textile and Jack Blackburn, Bobbin Stores, already two years overdue on killing his first b'ar, Davy Crockett's was a life to envy. Not only could Davy ride, shoot and save General Jackson; he could also calm rebellious redskins with nothing but half-nelsons and kindly counsel. From the looks of things, he may also have inspired the invention of the illustrated T-shirt for small fry.

If Davy could have looked ahead a century or so, chances are the moccasin would be on the other foot. He'd envy Jerry's life. For if Davy had gotten a million dollars for every bear he shot (including

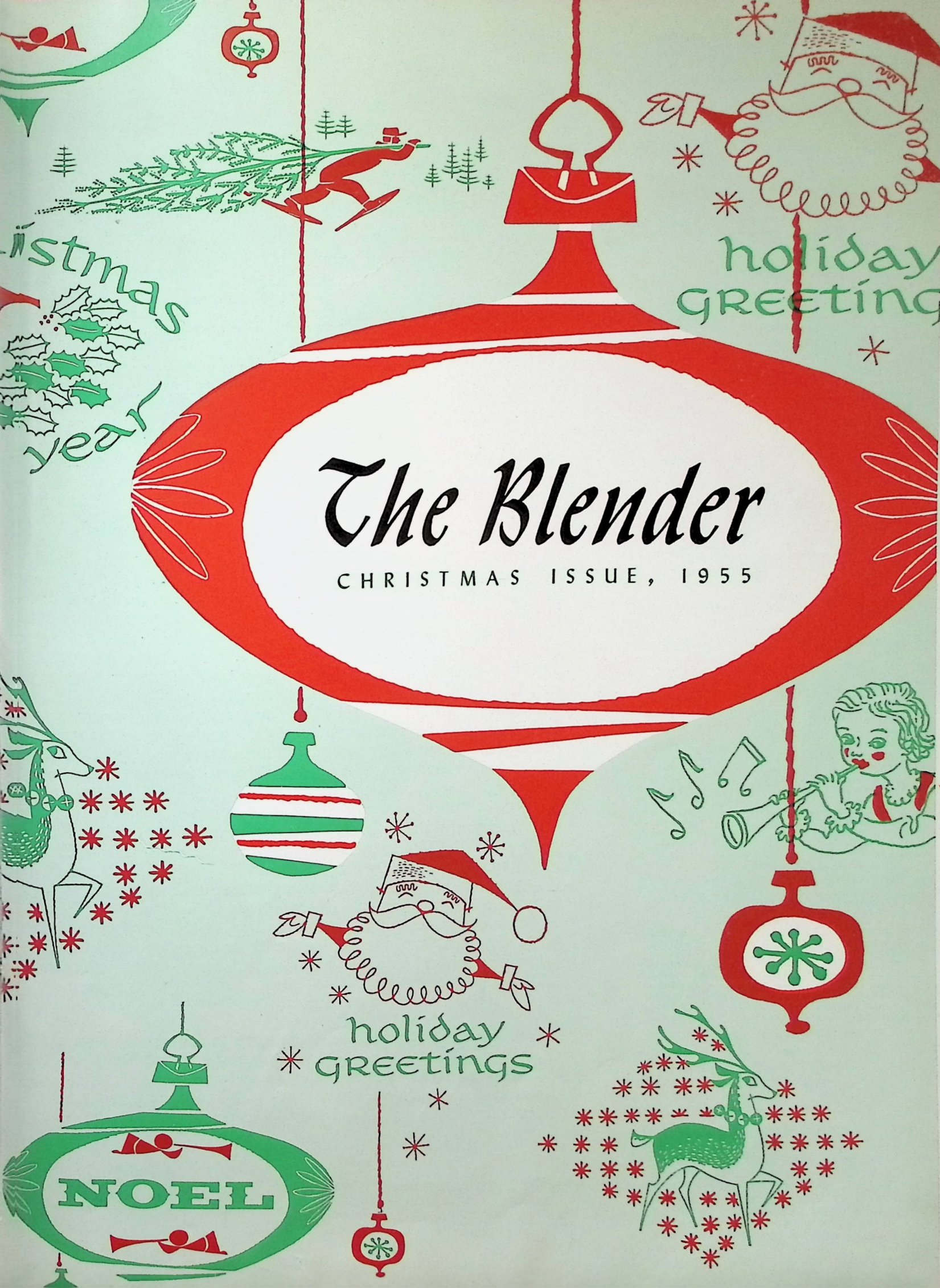
probables), he still couldn't have enjoyed a car, an air conditioner, a TV or fresh frozen foods out of season. You can't buy a product that isn't available.

Which points up the principal difference between life today and life in Davy's era. In 1950, the nation turned out 25 times the volume of goods and services it produced in 1850. Output per man-hour of work had risen six times. Americans made more; therefore they had more.

You might say every man had become a Crockett—at least so far as delivering the goods was concerned. And in the years to come "the goods" will continue to be delivered but in a big way!



BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING —THROUGH CHEMISTRY

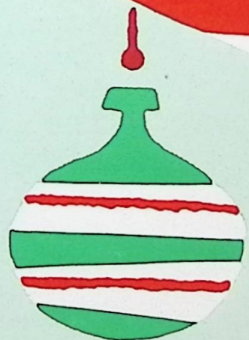
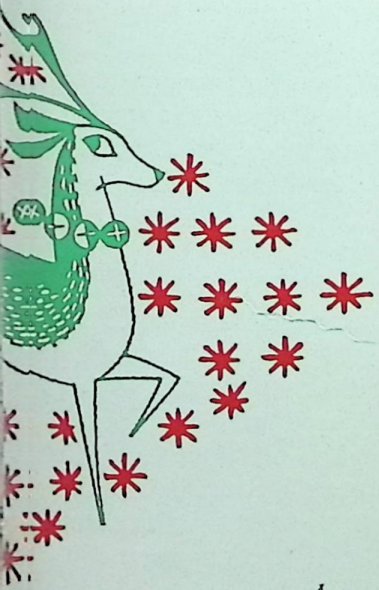


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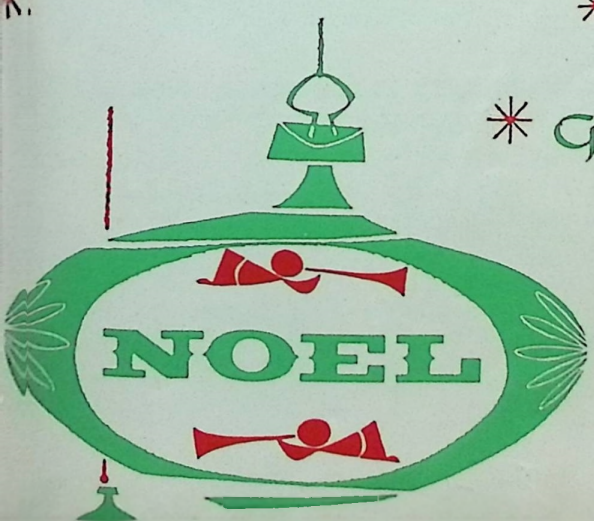
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CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM YOUR BLENDER STAFF

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR" is an individual greeting, a group greeting, and a family greeting—always in good taste—"Emily Post" wherever you may be. We couldn't hope to formulate a better one. So at this Christmas-time the entire BLENDER Staff extends greetings to you and yours in the fine, friendly, familiar form we know so well: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas. In our opinion never has this theme been so well expressed as by the words of Henry Van Dyke below:

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem over nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

"And if you keep it for a day, why not always?"

"But you can never keep it alone."



THE happy employee above, leaving the plant to join his wife and child who are preparing for Christmas, is Ed Compton, P. & S. Shift Mechanic. Ed is home-ward bound at midnight just prior to Christmas Eve.



For a Merry Christmas . . .

The Christmas Season is one of happy and joyous anticipation. The brighter sides of people everywhere unshield more than ever, and the spirit of good will pervades the air. At this time, too, the spirit of giving, which is "better than receiving," urges each of us to give pleasure to others. The Yuletide attitude is universal, too. Doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief, in fact, countless millions in every walk of life enter with a will into Christmas festivities. However, what counts, above all things, is the renewed vigor and faith stirred every such season. Fairplay, friendship, and the give-and-take of daily life are paramount virtues seeing many a dark-time through.

None of us should ever forget the principles and teachings of the season. When we prepare for and enjoy Christmas, as this issue of the BLENDER portrays our people doing, let's keep these principles in mind for all our living, at home, at church, at work.

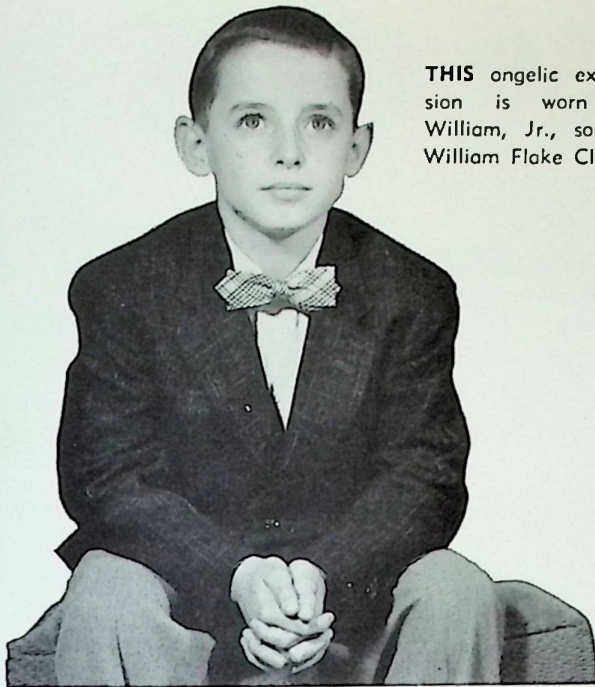


There's No Place Like Home . . .



In homes in free countries, the pageant of Christmas is the most magnificent of festivals, stemming from the source of life itself in the celebration of the birth of a Child whose name and life exemplifies all that is noble in the human soul.

Since it was a Child which began it all, these many centuries ago, it has become in great part, a home Festival for Children and the Fabric of Christmas is strongly woven with the fantasies of childhood. For their elders it is a time of rededication of their faith in the Almighty, hope for the future, charity toward their fellows and devotion to duty. Its manifestations are to be seen in happy faces gathered in the tranquility of a happy typical American home like that of Doug Henderson, Power. Here he retells the Christmas Story from the Book of Books (Luke 2: 8-14) to his wife, Barbara, and children Gayle, Stephen and Lynn.



THIS ongelic expression is worn by William, Jr., son of William Flake Cleary.

Father calls me William,
sister calls me Will,
Mother calls me Willie,
but the fellers call me Bill!
Mighty glad I ain't a girl—
rather be a boy,
Without them sashes, curls, an' things
that's worn by Fauntleroy!

Love to chawnk green apples
an' go swimmin' in the lake—
Hate to take the castor-ile
they give for belly-ache!
'Most all the time, the whole year
'round,
there ain't no flies on me,
But jest 'fore Christmas
I'm as good as I kin be!

EUGENE FIELD



EVERY parent is familiar with that bewildering interlude just before Christmas when children start helping around the home. Cheerfully doing the after-dinner dishes above is Sharon Gaye Cook, daughter of Louise Cook, Textile.

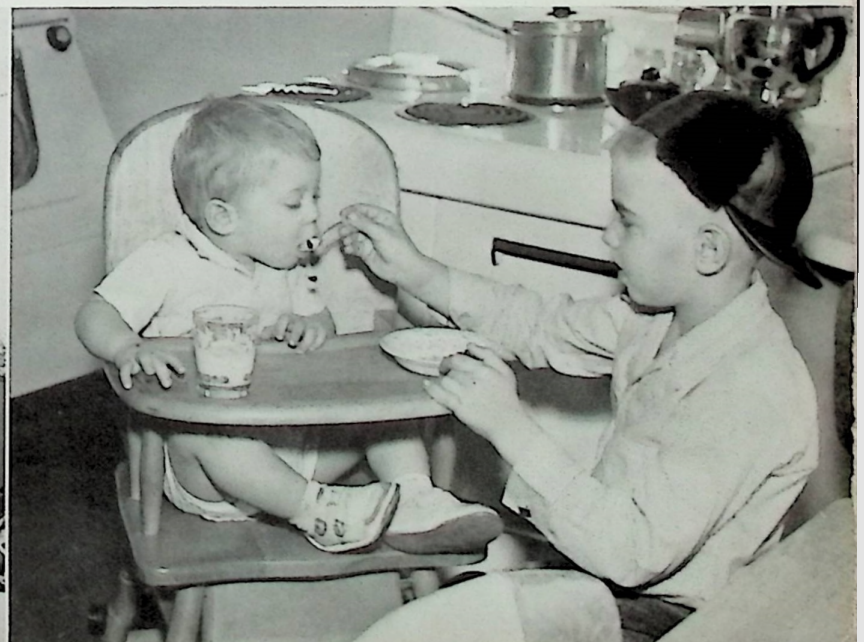
(BELOW) Donna Ruth Ramey, daughter of Lester Ramey, Bobbin Stores, believes helping with the ironing will put her in the good graces of Santa "The Week before Xmas."



Where Children Are Good and Busy

JUST before Christmas the daily cleaning of his room ceases to be a chore for "Buster" Kitchel, son of Frank Kitchel, Textile. Thousands of youngsters all over America are doing similar jobs around the home without too much persuasion from parents.

RONNIE WAYNE BARKER feeds his little brother, Thomas Flemming without a whimper or protest when those magic words, "Christmas is coming" are spoken. They are sons of Gilbert Barker, Polymer & Spinning and Hazel, Inspection.



and Grandma is There . . .

LIKE most things nowadays, Christmas decorations can be bought ready-made and packaged. Bins of brightly colored ornaments, wrappings and tinsel surround the shopper on every side. In fact, they're making it so easy for us that half the joy of getting ready for Christmas is taken away.

There is a way, however, to recapture that traditional spirit that has made Christmas a real Christmas through the years—a little more effort but lots more fun. Why not try the good old-fashioned variety that our grandmothers and great-grandmothers used to know—homey cutouts for the tree and handmade wrappings? The household of Betty Aldridge, Textile, decided to give one of her grandmother's methods a whirl. Here she lets little Kay prepare a popcorn and cranberry string for the tree under the guidance of her great-grandma, Mrs. Martha Lovell. Are you brave, mom?



GREAT-GRANDMA acquaints Kay with the domestic arts. She is all eyes and ears as Mrs. Lovell gets popcorn and cranberries ready.



SHE shows Kay how to sew. Keeping safety in mind, she instructs her to pull the needle away. It looks easy to Kay.

AND it is easy. Kay proves nimble with the needle, quickly has a string longer than her arm. Soon she had the family working.





THE custom of decorating the mantle and other parts of the home with evergreens originated with ancient people who revered nature and brought them into their homes, seeking the blessings of woodland spirits they believed dwelt in all growing things. In addition to this custom, celebrations dating back to Roman times have been marked by hanging wreaths. Their use at Christmas time commemorates the crucifixion. It is said that the white berries turned red in the crown of thorns worn by the Saviour. Hanging wreath is Lois Barker.

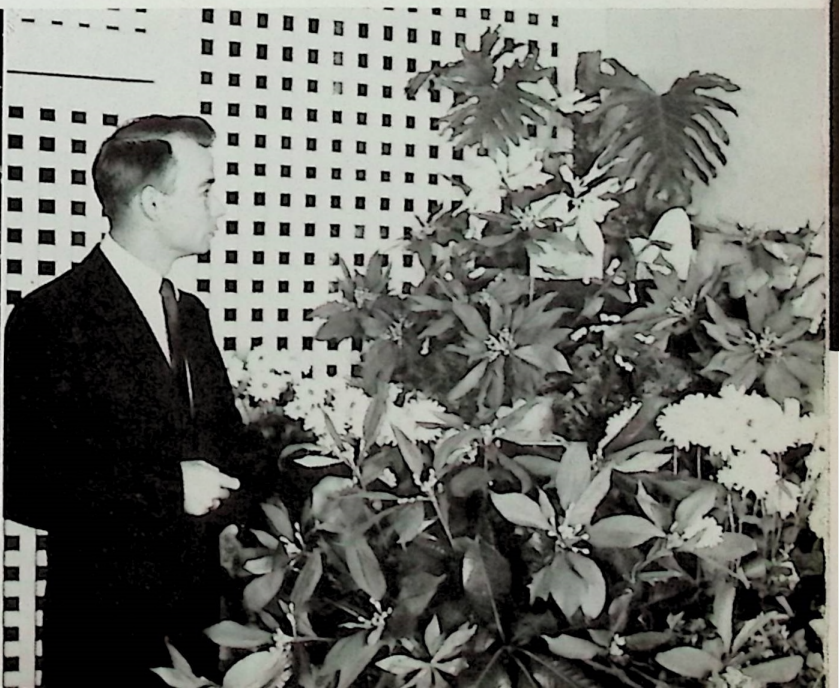


SYMBOLIC of the sun, moon and stars or their representative mythological gods are the colored balls and other trimmings used at Christmas to decorate the Christmas tree. This international tradition is said to have begun with Martin Luther. As the story goes, one Christmas Eve he brought home a small, snow-covered tree which he decorated with candles representing stars. Above, the modern, gaily decorated balls for the Xmas tree hold a fascination for Rocky Lee and Elmer, Jr., sons of Frances Hagood, Textile.

with Tales of Christmas Customs . . .

CAROLS ringing through the December stillness echo back, some say, to the angels on the first Christmas. Others credit St. Francis of Assisi as the first to popularize caroling. No matter who is right, the Lynwood Club Men's Chorus and everyone enjoys singing them. (Left to right 1st row): Otis Disbrow, Lee Kaiser, Jim Allen, Dick Curran, Bob Grundy. (Second row) Frank Kitchel, Don McCullough, Morris Hawks, Charlie Russell, John Bruce. (Top row) Marvin ("Perk") Perkinson, Bob Rowan, Dwight Reynolds, Wilbur ("Bud") Kouk. Several members of the Chorus were absent when picture was made. Chorus was organized in 1955 and hopes to entertain at various club and other functions in the future.

ACCORDING to legend, it was the custom of the early inhabitants of Cuernavaca, Mexico, to have, in every church, a manger in which lay the image of the Infant Saviour. On Christmas eve, the villagers, in His honor, would decorate the manger with flowers. One Christmas Eve long ago a small child was weeping outside the church because she had no flowers to give. Suddenly she was confronted by a beautiful angel who said, "Dear child, weep no more. Pick a weed from the side of the road and lay it on the altar." The child did as the angel told her and the weed was transformed into a brilliant scarlet whorl of petals (Poinsettia). Looking over a display of these beautiful flowers at Tuggle Flower Shop is Phil Scott, Cost Section.



While Mom digs out



CHRISTMAS TREE SALAD

2 envelopes unflavored gelatine
1 cup cold water
1½ cups hot water
1 can jellied cranberry sauce
8 tablespoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup finely chopped cabbage
½ cup diced celery

Soften gelatine in cold water. Add hot water, stir until gelatine is dissolved. Crush cranberry sauce with a fork. Add to dissolved gelatine cranberry sauce, lemon juice and salt; beat until smooth. Chill slightly. Turn half of mixture into 9 x 9 inch pan. Chill until almost firm. To remainder, fold in cabbage and celery; cover first layer of clear gelatine.

To serve, unmold on platter, cut paper pattern of Christmas tree, place on gelatine and cut around pattern with knife. If desired, so ½ of a 3-oz. package of cream cheese with 1 teaspoon milk and squ through pastry tube to decorate tree.

IT wouldn't be Christmas without all the cookies, candy and cakes that come from the hands of a true artist — Mother. Strange sounds and wonderful smells float out of her kitchen these days as Christmas time draws near. Our busy Mother is Eunice Shenal. Our of Johnny Shenal, Carpenter Shop. Try some of her suggestions on these pages and see if they don't make every member of the family ask for more this joyous season.

Her Favorite Recipes...

LACE COOKIES

Pretty up your luncheon with these dainty cookies:
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon melted shortening
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoons salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup oatmeal, uncooked
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coconut
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nutmeats
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat the egg without separating, add the sugar and mix thoroughly. Add the other ingredients in the order named. Drop onto a cookie pan, leaving plenty of room between each cookie so that they can spread out. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees).

SPRENGERLE

Here's another taste thrill—exceptionally hard cakes, strongly flavored with anise:

1 lb. flour sifted
 1 lb. sugar
 4 eggs
 Butter—size of walnut
 Baking powder
 Anise seed

The sugar, butter and eggs are stirred a quarter hour and made into a dough with flour and baking powder, setting aside a little of the flour. Put dough on the board, knead, roll to thickness of half a finger, dust with flour and with a cutter stamp out desired figures. After that lay on board and sprinkle with anise. Leave overnight in a dry place. Next day wax a pan and put cakes in it. Bake in a moderate oven to light brown color.

MOLASSES POPCORN BALLS

The children will enjoy popping the corn while you make this syrup:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup molasses
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
 1 teaspoon vinegar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 3 tablespoons butter
 Popcorn unsalted.
 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ quarts

Combine molasses, sugar, water, vinegar and salt in a heavy saucepan. Place over low heat, stirring until mixture begins to boil. Cook without stirring to 270° F. (to a hard ball). Remove from heat; add the butter, stirring enough to combine with the other ingredients. Pour over popcorn in a large bowl, using wooden spoon to mix it well until every kernel is covered. With hands slightly greased, form popcorn mixture into balls, using only a little pressure. Makes about 2 dozen 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch balls.

COFFEE NUT KISSES

2 egg whites
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup finely chopped walnuts
 1 tablespoon instant coffee
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla

Have eggs at room temperature. Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper. Heat oven to slow (300°F). Separate eggs. In a bowl beat whites until just stiff. Gradually add sugar about 2 tablespoons at a time beating until mixture is very stiff. Fold in walnuts, coffee and vanilla. Drop from a teaspoon onto waxed stiff. Fold in walnuts, coffee and vanilla. Drop from tan but not brown. Remove from oven. Let stand 1 minute, then remove from waxed paper and cool. Makes about 2 dozen.

CHRISTMAS PANETTONE

2 yeast cakes
 1 cup lukewarm water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, melted
 2 teaspoons salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 2 eggs, beaten
 3 egg yolks, beaten
 $5\frac{1}{2}$ cups sifted flour
 1 cup thinly sliced citron
 1 cup seedless raisins

Soften yeast in water. Mix butter, salt, sugar, eggs and egg yolks. Add yeast and butter mixture to flour, stir until blended and then knead on a flour board until smooth and free from stickiness. Knead in citron and raisins.

Place in a greased bowl, grease surface and let rise in a warm place (80 to 85° F.) until double in bulk. (About two hours.) Knead until smooth and compact. Place in greased 3-quart pan. Grease surface and let rise again until double in bulk. (About 40 min.) Using a sharp knife, cut a deep cross in the top of loaf. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) about 8 minutes, until surface begins to brown. Reduce oven to 325° F. and bake one hour longer.

A not-too-sweet cake, it makes a delightful snack with sweet beverages.

PICKLED APRICOTS

3 cups large dried apricots
 Water
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
 3 tablesp. vinegar
 18 whole cloves
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. mustard seed
 2 3-inch sticks cinnamon

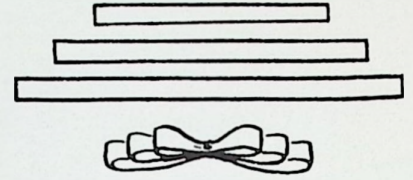
Wash apricots. Cover with water and boil gently 10 minutes. Add sugar, vinegar, cloves, mustard seed and cinnamon. Bring to boil again and boil gently for another 15 minutes. Apricots should be tender but should also hold their shape. Sterilize four 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. glasses, fill with apricots, then cover with syrup. Seal with paraffin.

and Everybody pitches in

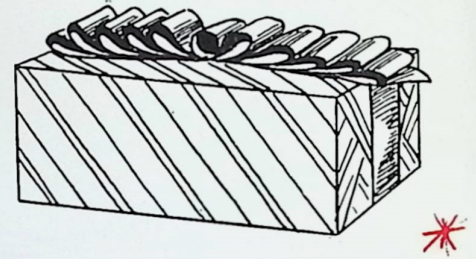


HANDS may grow old but hearts stay forever young. Typical cases of this are Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gregory, grandparents of Clovis Eller, Textile. They are also uncle and aunt of our Ethelieane Lawrence and Nelda Turner.

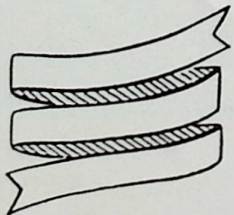
LAYER BOW



FOLD ends of graduated lengths to the center to form loops, and arrange as shown.



EARNESTLY engrossed in one of her Christmas duties is Donie Stump, Textile. Donie, like hundreds of other employees, likes to do wrapping early.



LAY ribbon on flat surface in folds with right side up, as is shown here on the left.



COVER with open hand and gather folds between 1st and 2d fingers as in picture.

TIE at center; then attach it to the package.



DOUBLE LOOP BOW

for Fancy Wrappings . . .

THE "BASIC BOW"



PINCH tiny gathers in ribbon three or four inches from the end. Make a loop of desired length and hold between thumb and fingers of left hand and again pinch gathers.

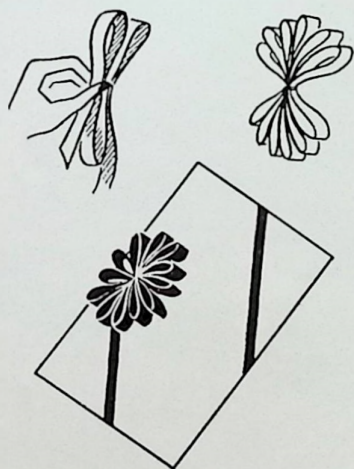
Make upward and downward loops until bow reaches desired size. If ribbon has a wrong side, keep right side up by turning ribbon under thumb and fingers as each loop is made. Wind strong thread around center and tie securely. Place on your package over the knot and tie on with ends of ribbon. It makes a most beautiful bow.



(ABOVE) Dad gets in on the fun too, and although all of his fingers seem to be thumbs, he usually enjoys this part of Christmas. Dad and child are Tommie Nelson, Textile, and Merrie Jill. Mother Della also works in Arer



TEEN-AGERS, too, usually find time around this season of the year to try their hands at fancy bows and wrappings. Above are Wayne and Carolyn Shockey, son and daughter, of Woodrow Shockey, Maintenance and Helen, Textile. The kids love their horseplay.



ROSETTE BOW

MAKE a layer of 12 loops of even length. Tie at center without crushing the loops. Spread to form circle.



REALLY happy families are those who do things together. Trimming the tree at Christmas is still one time when every member of the family gets together on a common endeavor. They work together to create a thing of beauty—perhaps unaware that in doing this, they have conjured up a spirit of such true beauty that it outshines the Christmas Tree even with all its glory.

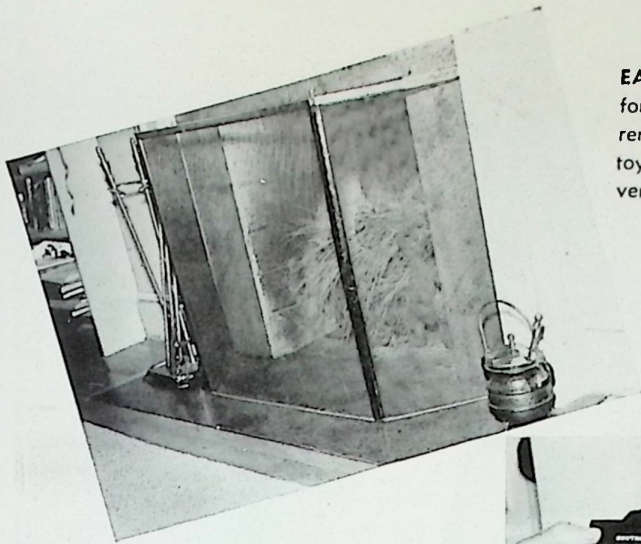


... the Tree is Decorated



WHILE MOTHER, Joyce Johnson (above), Textile, decorates the bottom half of their tree, father, Johnny Johnson, Maintenance and children, Elizabeth and Willie put the finishing touches on the upper portion of same.



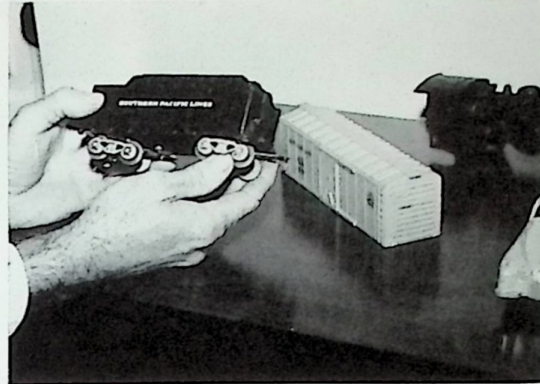


KEEPING an approved screen in front of fires in the fireplace will also prevent those dangerous fire hazards and many possible burns.

EACH toy should be inspected for sharp edges. If they exist remove them or get rid of the toy. Every precaution that prevents an injury is worthwhile.

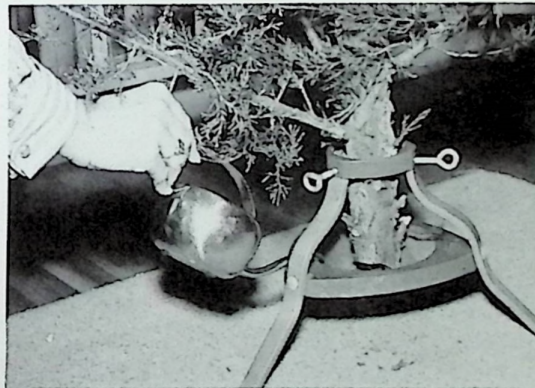


CELEBRATING Christmas involves many flammable materials — especially gift wrappings. Be sure to use flame proof paper. If this is not available, keep all wrappings away from any flames.



with Safety in mind . . .

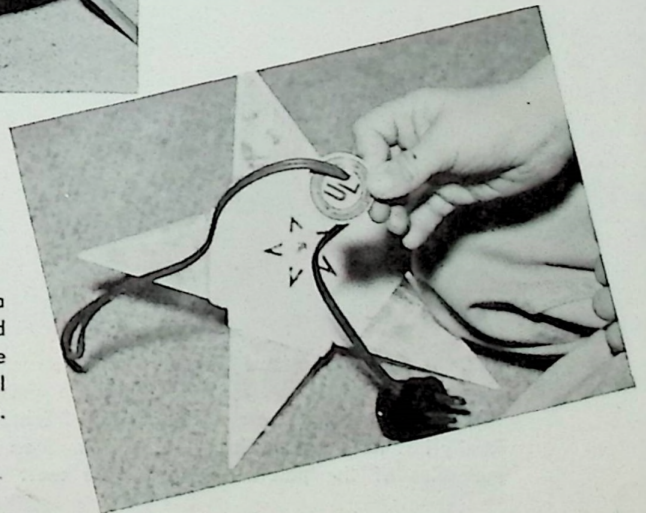
DEFECTIVE wiring at Christmas probably causes more fires in the home than any other single factor. Be sure to inspect all cords and throw out those not in A-1 shape.



CHRISTMAS tree lighting sets, decorative lighting outfits and extension strings should comply with safety Standards of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., labels.



A dry Christmas tree is a serious threat to life and property. Keeping the base of the tree in water will greatly alleviate this hazard.



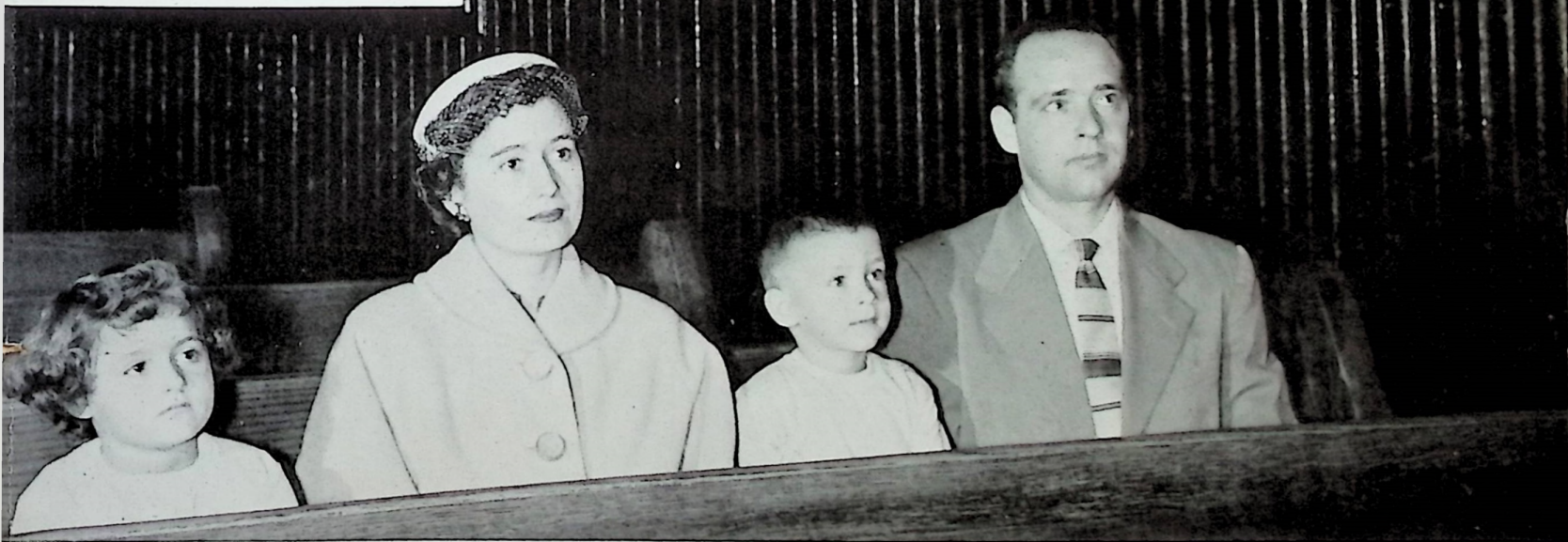
The Joy Is Complete . . .



ALL the days, hours (and minutes) leading up to Christmas are climaxed on Christmas morning when the children get their first glimpse of the tree and the results of Santa's visit. Each family has its own traditions—usually based on the childhood memories of the parents. One of the most dramatic and

exciting customs is that of leading the youngsters downstairs blindfolded so that they are magically transported from bedroom to Christmas—with nothing in between! Our family following this tradition is Doug and Jean Cone and children, Jimmy, Mike, Steve, Jeannie. Doug is on "B" Shift P. & S.

... and We Are Thankful.





To All Employees and Their Families:

Once again it is our privilege to enjoy another Christmas, a day that should be a visible demonstration of the spiritual brotherhood of all mankind.

For nearly two thousand years, the Star of Bethlehem has been a symbol of hope. By following the guiding principles of that star, our world should progress steadily and nearer to the goal of understanding, peace and good will among men.

During this season of rejoicing, it is well for all of us to remember the real implication of Christmas Day. By placing more emphasis upon the spiritual side of our commemoration of this holiday season, we will help preserve its real character.

I take this opportunity to wish all our employees, their families and friends, not only a very Merry Christmas, but a happy, prosperous New Year.

W. D. HARTFORD

Plant Manager